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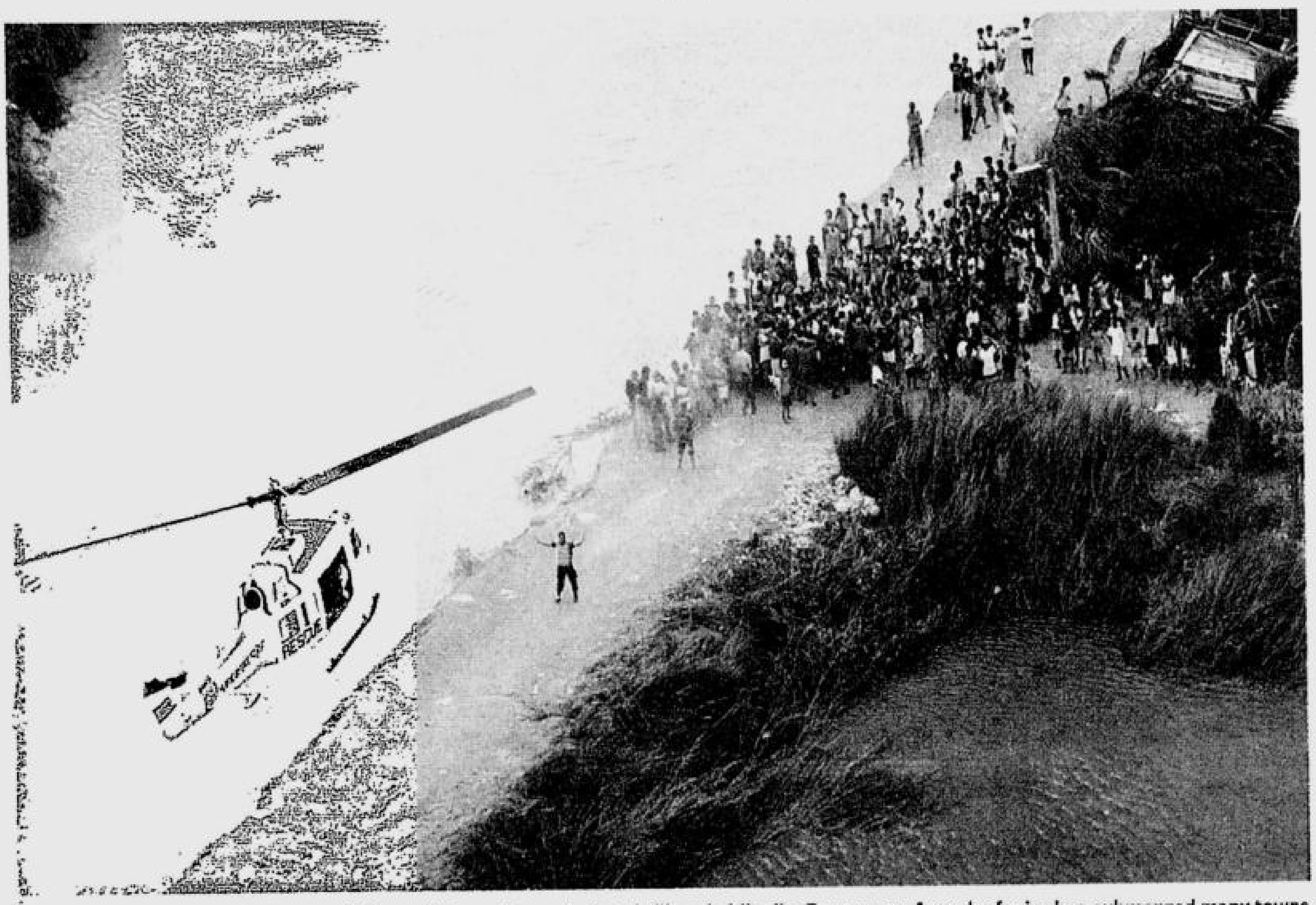
Bishops back GMA, blame opposition



A PHILIPPINE Air Force helicopter brings relief goods to an isolated village in Minalin, Pampanga. A week of rains has submerged many towns in Central Luzon.

ERIK ARAZAS

CBCP: Why turn petty issues into nat'l crisis?

By Blanche S. Rivera

NOW, it's the bishops' turn to make a move on the political chessboard.

Saying the Catholic Church would not support "any artificially created people power," the country's influential bishops yesterday stood by President Macapagal-Arroyo and assailed her critics for trying to turn "petty issues" into a national crisis.

"I do not see the Church supporting any artificially created people power trying to raise the banner of a contrived and artificially created national crisis," Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, said in a statement.

The CBCP will remain in "critical solidarity" with the President because it does "not see any realistic and nationally beneficial alternatives" to the Macapagal administration, according to Quevedo.

And if "no one else sees any other realistic and more beneficial alternatives, then why should we continue to raise petty issues about her personality, her 'political mistakes,' as if she were Superwoman?" Quevedo asked.

The important endorsement from the country's 100-plus bishops comes at a critical time for Ms Macapagal, who

BISHOPS/A20

Will she or won't she attend Edsa Mass?

By Carlito Pablo, Christine Avendaño, Norman Bordadora and Christian Esguerra

WILL she or won't she? As of presstime last night, the President's attendance at today's controversial Mass at the Edsa Shrine remained uncertain. But Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., who resigned from the Cabinet on Friday, is a definite show.

President Macapagal-Arroyo did not lack for unsolicited advice. Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez said if today's activity were a political rally, the President should not go. But if it's a Mass or a prayer rally, Ms Macapagal should attend.

Rep. Wilfredo Villarama said Ms Macapagal's presence at the Mass would be a "welcome sign that the President is willing to sit down with the group, whatever that group is."

But the militant group Bagong Alyansang Makabayan said if the President did come, "we will not hesitate to show her our disappointment (over) the rotten way she is running the country."

Claiming Ms Macapagal would be seen as a "hypocrite and a consummate opportunist" if she attended the Mass, Bayan secretary general Teddy Casiño said his group would not allow the gathering to be turned into "those cheap reconciliation gimmicks" supposedly being orchestrated by presidential adviser Dodie Limcaoco.

Only acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable declined to give

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MILITANT members of the Kilusang Mayo Uno hold a protest rally in Quezon City with a caricature of President Macapagal as "the queen of termites."

DENNIS SABANGAN

Floodwaters threaten Expo Pilipino

By Tonette Orejas
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PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

CLARK Special Economic Zone—The graft-ridden P3.5-billion Expo Pilipino project of the Ramos administration is in danger of being washed out as rampaging waters from the Bamban-Sacobia River have scoured the banks, leaving a gap of some 200 meters between the park and the river.

Yesterday, 10 more people were reported to have died in bad weather caused by Typhoon "Inday" (international code name: Halong), raising the death toll in eight days of monsoon rains to 65, according to rescuers.

The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) placed the damage to agriculture and property at P392.206 million, with Central Luzon accounting for P196.279 million and the Ilocos region, P88.774

FLOODWATERS/A5

Geniuses show how wacky they can be

By Cathy Yamsuan and Agnes E. Donato

BESIDES high intelligence, a sense of humor is emerging as the second common denominator among members of the Philippine chapter of Mensa International Ltd., an association of geniuses.

"Meetings usually start as friendly and casual get-togethers. A very intellectual atmosphere until you start the jokes," Mensa Philippines treasurer Winthrop Yu said.

He said most Mensans "are actually *kalog* (wacky), with a zeal for puzzles, puns and word play."

There are instances when only one person laughs all the time while watching a comedy film.

"Chances are, that guy is a Mensan. It's also very possible that you'd find a group of people laughing together while watching a comedy, apart from a silent audience, and they would be Mensans," Yu said.

People have a misconception about Mensans being reclusive geeks in laboratory gowns with eyeglasses with thick lenses that are buried in even thicker books.

Among the group's members are scientist Stephen Hawking, science fiction writer Isaac

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Polls suspended in 238 villages

PATIKUL SULU
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VAL HANDUMON

WHO says Filipinos are despairing of democracy? Not these teachers of Patikul, Sulu, who are busy preparing materials for today's elections.

By Blanche S. Rivera and Martin P. Marfil

A TOTAL of 238 barangays in Metro Manila, Central Luzon and Ilocos as well as all barangays in 10 towns in Pampanga will not be holding barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections today because of floods.

The Commission on Elections came up with the final list yesterday afternoon.

Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling, Armed Forces vice chief of staff and Task Force Honest Orderly and Peaceful Elections head, said the Comelec had suspended elections in more than 30 towns.

"Essentially, this was due to flooding, except for (Tineg) Abra, where the mayor was ambushed," Camiling said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday enjoined the people to go out and vote, saying the electoral exercises would "revitalize democracy in the lowest but vital political levels of government."

The President has declared July 15 a special non-working holiday nationwide to enable the people to exercise their right to vote.

In a statement, the President pointed out that the barangay council was the basic form of government while the Sangguniang Kabataan was the stepping stone of the youth in

POLLS/A7

GMA: Edsa II beneficiary not its reincarnation

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

PEOPLE Power II is devouring its own children ravenously. It did not take a long time for the people power coalition that swept Ms Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to the presidency to unravel.

In just one year and six months of her presidency, her administration is in disarray and her coalition is disintegrating. In just a week from today, the President will deliver her second State of the Nation Address whose theme is building a "strong republic."

The picture as of today is a weak presidency that has lost control of events both emanating from her own fractured People Power II coalition and from the gridlock in the Senate.

Notwithstanding the claims by both the pro-administration and opposition senators that they have gained the numbers to break the impasse, the truth is that as of today no one has gained ground.

The impasse has to be broken by this week. Otherwise the paralysis spilling from the standoff between the presidency and the legislature will spread, demoralizing and stifling economic activity.

The President cannot build a strong republic in a matter of days. The impasse underlines a more fundamental problem for Philippine democracy. The problem is that despite two or three people power revolutions, our democracy is more fragile from each experience.

International Monetary Fund officials have said that the Philippines' economic performance is better than expected—i.e., in terms of GDP growth rates. But they are worried about the steep rise of the fiscal deficit.

True, you cannot build a strong economy or a strong republic on ballooning deficits. But what's more worrying is the fact that today, the Philippines is a democracy that is breaking

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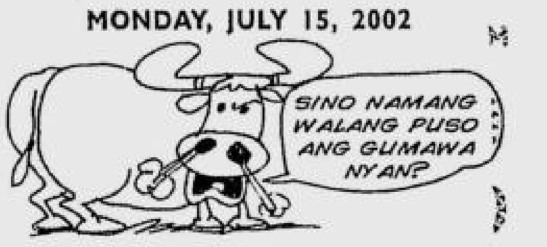

Bomb explodes in bus; 16 hurt

Another bomb defused in gas station

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
PDI Mindanao Bureau

KABACAN, Cotabato—At least 16 persons, including a year-old girl, were injured when a bomb exploded inside a passenger bus at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Barely an hour after a bomb went off inside the Rural Transit bus, another was found in a gasoline station nearby.

Insp. Romeo Banaybanay, acting Kabacan police chief, said they still could not tell who was behind the bombing.

The bus had come from Tacurong City and was bound for Cagayan de Oro City. The passengers said they stopped over for at least 20 minutes at a terminal here.

While the bus was traversing the national highway in Barangay Kayaga shortly after it resumed its journey, the bomb exploded.

The bus firm has not given police the exact number of passengers in the bus at the time of the explosion.

Ceferino Dagaslas, 29, of Cagayan de Oro City, sustained burns and wounds. He said the explosion came from the far end of the bus where he was seated.

Rechelyn Cagape, 1, of Don Carlos, Bukidnon suffered bruises after she and her father, Reynaldo, were pinned down in the ensuing stampede.

Most of the passengers lost their belongings when the bus went in flames.

The injured were identified as Mama Lidasan, Abubakar Sakalia, Elsa Custodio, Eden Quiros, Archie Villanueva, Ansari Kusain, Kalon Kusain, Aida Kusain, Rolan Requina, Pacifico Dumagtas, Danilo Mingo, Wilson Sartagoda and Kalid Gumbaga.

The bomb found in a Petron gasoline station was made from a kerosene lamp.

Joylene Lactaotao, an employee, said that after hearing about the bus explosion, they became suspicious of a box that someone had earlier left near the station. They immediately called the police. The bomb was found in the box.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development here said it was coordinating with the office of the mayor for possible assistance to the blast victims.

JOAN BONDOC

STAR FOR FALLEN LIEUTENANT
The Armed Forces of the Philippines has awarded the Distinguished Conduct Star to 1Lt. Jessie James Apura who died in an ambush in Patikul, Sulu. The posthumous award was presented to the young officer's father M/Sgt. Jenny Apura by Ret. Maj. Gen. Antonio Santos during a necrological mass at the St. Michael's chapel in Fort Bonifacio, Makati City, on Sunday.

Radical Muslim cleric hits Pasay City court ruling on Indonesian

JAKARTA—A radical Indonesian Muslim cleric that Singapore has accused of leading a terrorist network yesterday accused Washington of being behind a recent Philippine court's jailing of an Indonesian over weapons possession.

Abu Bakar Ba'asyir said that a 10-year jail sentence on Indonesian Agus Dwikarna last week was part of a grand scenario prepared by the United States to eliminate Muslim leaders and activists, the state Antara news agency said Sunday.

"That is part of a US grand strategy to arrest and detain activists and leaders of Islam," Ba'asyir said during a religious rally at his Muslim boarding school in Ngruki, East Java.

Dwikarna was jailed on July 11 by a court in Pasay City to 10 years and one day and fined P50,000 for illegal possession of explosives and for having violated Philippine immigration law.

Arrested at the Manila airport on March 12 along with two other Indonesians who have since been released, Dwikarna has also been accused of involvement in a Manila bomb blast on Dec. 30, 2000 and of an explosion that wounded the Filipino Ambassador to Indonesia at his residence in Jakarta in August 2000.

Ba'asyir said that the terrorist accusation against Dwikarna had never been proven. He also lashed out at the Indonesian government "for not having seriously defended" Dwikarna during his trial.

"The (Indonesian) government is afraid because of monetary reasons. That shows that US money is more dangerous than US weapons because US money can weaken forces in Indonesia." He said that Washington was bent on fighting against any Islamic movement aimed at forming a Muslim government based on the Sharia.

Ba'asyir, who heads the hardline Indonesian Mujahidin Council, an umbrella group for Islamic groups backing the imposition on the Islamic sharia laws for Indonesia, has been named by Singapore senior minister Lee Kuan Yew as one of the leaders of terrorist cells active in Indonesia.

Ba'asyir has denied the charge. He has been questioned several times by the Indonesian police, but has been released following what the police said was a lack of evidence. *AFP*

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Afable leaves harsh glare of camera lights

By Carlito Pablo

THREE months after he was thrust under the harsh glare of camera lights, Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable is going back to the often unheralded job he loves best: policy work.

Afable will re-assume on a full time basis his post as head of the Presidential Management Staff on Tuesday when former Muntinlupa mayor and Rep. Ignacio Bunye formally assumes the post of press secretary.

"It gives me time to do more of the policy work, which I look forward to doing because that has been my work in the past," said Afable, who has been described by President Macapagal-Arroyo as a strategic thinker.

The usually reserved Afable was answering the question whether he finds it a relief that he won't be facing the media on an almost daily basis, as he has done since then press secretary-designate and presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao went on a six-month leave starting April 15.

Afable unselfishly took the rap for the fiasco late last month that attended the release of President Macapagal's letter accepting the supposed resignation of Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. as foreign affairs secretary.

During his short stint as acting press secretary, Afable endeared himself to Malacañang-based reporters with his sincerity in fielding questions. Journalists felt they were not being given the runaround when he oftentimes answered "I don't know."

Afable said that until Tiglao finishes his fellowship program at the Kyoto University in Japan in October, Bunye will be conducting the daily briefings of the Malacañang Press Corps.

AFABLE

BUNYE

"The job of a press secretary is really covered by a mandate that is spelled out in black and white," Afable said. "He (Bunye) knows and he's capable of doing what the job is."

Tiglao will take a two-week break from his program this month and will go back to Japan to finish his fellowship.

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Doreen's 'death heavier than the Sierra Madre'

By Agnes E. Donato

FERNANDEZ

"HER death is heavier than the Sierra Madre."

This was how officials of the National Democratic Front, in a joint statement, described how they felt about the passing of a good friend: Doreen Gamboa Fernandez.

To most people, the name had merely stood for unabashed appreciation of good food. Last Tuesday, her artist-friends and contemporaries paid tribute to a side of hers that was little known—her activist streak.

Della Gamboa Besa admitted as much: she never realized the extent to which her late sister had participated in nationalist movements, particularly during the Martial Law years.

"I would like to thank the Concerned Artists of the Philippines today for enlightening me on this facet of my sister's life," Besa told the group which sponsored the tribute at the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

Attended by more than a hundred writers and artists, the program was filled with revolutionary songs and poetry from the 1970s, and sweet nostalgia.

Professor and literary scholar Bienvenido Lumbera narrated how Doreen developed from a housewife with two undergraduate degrees and a Master's degree from the Ateneo Graduate School at the start of the First Quarter Storm, into a true-blue militant when Martial Law was declared.

Lumbera said that he had a chance to know Doreen when they both worked in the mid-1970s at the Cultural Research of the Philippines, a research center promoting nationalist culture.

Even so, in Doreen's life as activist, food played an important part. She researched on workers' and peasants' dining table fare, explaining, "One should put food in the context of culture."

Bagong Alyansang Makabayan vice chair Carol Araullo recalled how Doreen had guided organizers of the National Democratic Front's 25th anniversary celebration on what dishes would agree "with the nationalist and democratic aspirations of the NDF, CPP (Communist Party of the Philippines, and NPA (New People's Army)."

NDF officials based in Utrecht, Netherlands themselves had only fond memories of Doreen, which were contained in their joint statement. Jose Ma. Sison recounted how "elated" he had been when Doreen treated him and his wife to "a delicious lunch of *pagkaing masa*" in an Intramuros restaurant soon after his release from military detention in 1986.

Civil Service Commissioner Karina Constantino-David played the guitar while Inang Laya partner Becky Demetillo sang progressive pieces.

Singer-composer Susan Fernandez-Magno also sang several songs, as did Jess Santiago, who was joined by Noel Cabangon in leading the singing of the militant "Martsa ng Bayan."

Poet Pete Lacaba recited his own "Prometheus Unbound," and then said it was another of his works, "Pagkain ng Paksiw na Ayungin," that Doreen liked the best.

Other writers and artists at the event included Glecy Atienza, Virgilio Almario, Randy David, Ted Antonio, Lilia Quindoza-Santiago Romulo Baquiran Jr., and Cultural Center of the Philippines' Nanding Josef.

The program ended with the singing of "Bayan Ko," and a one-minute noise barrage.

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Lawmaker says GMA's party harassing him

By Christine O. Avendaño

AN OPPOSITION congressman yesterday accused the Macapagal administration of harassing him after he rejected its offer to join the ruling party in preparation for the 2004 elections.

Iloilo City Rep. Rolex Suplico said that on June 26, the same day that he rejected the Lakas-NUCD offer, an ethics case was filed against him before the House of Representatives.

In a statement, Suplico said the offer was made through Iloilo Gov. Niel Tupas by Ignacio Arroyo, brother of First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo and Lakas' Western Visayas regional chair.

Suplico, regional chair of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino in Western Visayas, said it was likely that the same "carrot-and- stick" tactic was being used to lure other opposition members.

The ethics case was filed by Rodolfo Mateo, executive director of the National Water Resources Board.

Mateo alleged that Suplico used his position as congressman to extort P500 million from Kimberly Clark-Philippines regarding a lease contract dispute.

Suplico said the case with the multi-national firm was settled out of court in September last year. The water board had gotten involved because it was responsible for issuing water permits in the disputed land in San Pedro Laguna.

In a statement, Suplico said Mateo was apparently "taking his cue from political patrons determined to weaken the opposition." He noted Western Visayas had the fourth largest voting population in the country.

All six provincial governors in the region are from LDP, Liberal Party and the National People's Coalition.

The President's brother-in-law, when reached for comments in Bacolod City, flatly denied Suplico's story.

"I never asked him to join Lakas. I don't even know the complaint against him," said Ignacio Arroyo, administration party chair in Western Visayas.

He said Lakas could not possibly want Suplico because it was set to field a candidate against him. He declined to name the candidate, saying there were "a lot of aspirants."

Suplico was making up the stories, Arroyo said. simply because "he's opposition. He will say anything against the administration." *With Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

ABSENTEE VOTING?

Lawyer questions Erap vote

By Volt Contreras

WHEN jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada and son Jinggoy cast their votes in today's barangay elections, it will be a questionable exercise of "absentee voting."

This was according to election lawyer Romulo Macalintal who warned that the Sandiganbayan's approval of the Estradas' request to vote while in detention sets a bad precedent.

Macalintal said at least three election law provisions will be violated because of the accommodations accorded the Estradas:

- Republic Act 7166 allows absentee voting only for government personnel—often teachers, soldiers and policemen—assigned on election day outside their places of registration.

And such voters can only do so in national elections—presidential or senatorial—and not in local elections, the lawyer added.

"The Estradas are no longer government officials, neither are they voting in national elections," Macalintal argued.

- Also, he said, Sec. 154 of the Omnibus Election Code prohibits the setup of special precincts within 45 days before the elections.
- Sec. 155 of the same law particularly bars the establishment of special precincts "within a prison compound," he said.

"My position is not because they are the Estradas, but that the Comelec might soon be swamped by similar requests by other detention prisoners citing the precedent being set here," he told the INQUIRER in an interview.

"There was no basis in fact and in law to grant that request. What also puzzled me was that state prosecutors did not object."

For the second time since the Estradas were detained in April last year, the anti-graft court last Wednesday allowed them to cast their ballots under the supervision of the Commission on Elections in their detention suite at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City.

The first was during the May 14, 2001 senatorial elections.

The Estradas will vote in the barangay polls as residents of Barangay North Greenhills in San Juan, according to their media relations staff Ferdie Ramos.

Court sheriff Ed Urieta said he will be at the VMMC with the Estradas as early as 8 a.m. today for the arrival of a "special Comelec team" from the municipality of San Juan.

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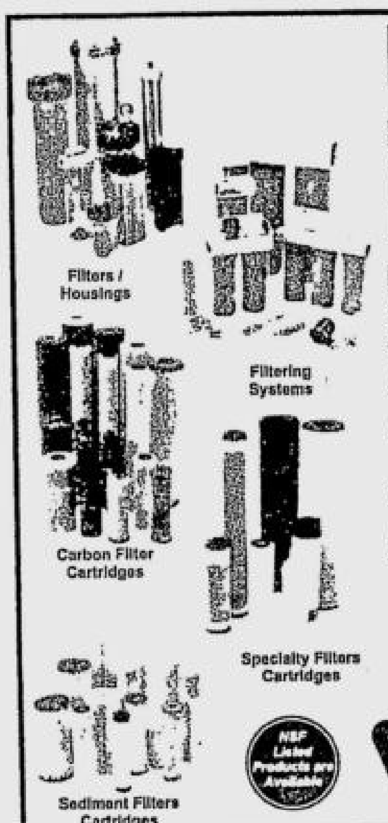

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GMA set on carrying out executions

By Carlito Pablo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is hanging tough on her position to resume the execution of death convicts at the risk of alienating some of her supporters, including the Church.

"The President has said that she is going to take a strong stand on law and order, and she is very well aware of the trade-off in taking this position," Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said.

Afable said "some sectors are bound to disagree with you when you make a policy but then it is really the job of the President to determine what in her mind is in the public interest."

Critics, however, have charged that President Macapagal is now in favor of executions for political reasons.

When she was installed president, Ms Macapagal said that her administration would not allow state executions in deference to the position of the Church and civil libertarians.

Later on, President Macapagal said that she was in favor of executing kidnapping convicts only because of the strong clamor by the Filipino-Chinese community, whose members are often the victims of kidnapping syndicates.

Recently, the President was reported to have said that her administration will allow the executions of death convicts other than those convicted of kidnapping.

Ms Macapagal has apparently bowed to the pressure by anti-crime groups, whose membership are mostly relatives of victims of heinous crimes.

Afable said: "She's very well aware that you cannot win everybody in a democratic plurality."

"This is what the President has decided to do when she said that she is going to uphold a strong republic," Afable also said.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez had said last week that there was only a slim chance that Arroyo would step in and use her powers of presidential pardon to stop the execution on convicted rapist Alfredo Nardo, which has been set by a lower court for Oct. 16.

Last week, influential Roman Catholic bishops urged Ms Macapagal to impose a fresh moratorium on the death penalty ahead of Nardo's scheduled judicial execution by injection.

The bishops said there appeared no doubt that there was widespread criminality in the Philippines, but stressed executing convicted criminals was not the answer.

With an AFP report

2 Moro rebs killed in clash

ZAMBOANGA—Two Moro guerrillas were killed in a clash with police in Sarangani province, an official said yesterday.

A unit of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front attacked a police patrol near the town of Maitum on Saturday afternoon, said regional police commander Chief Supt. Bartolome Baluyot. The police repulsed the attack, killing two of the rebels, he said. The rest of the rebels escaped, apparently carrying their wounded, he added. **AFP**

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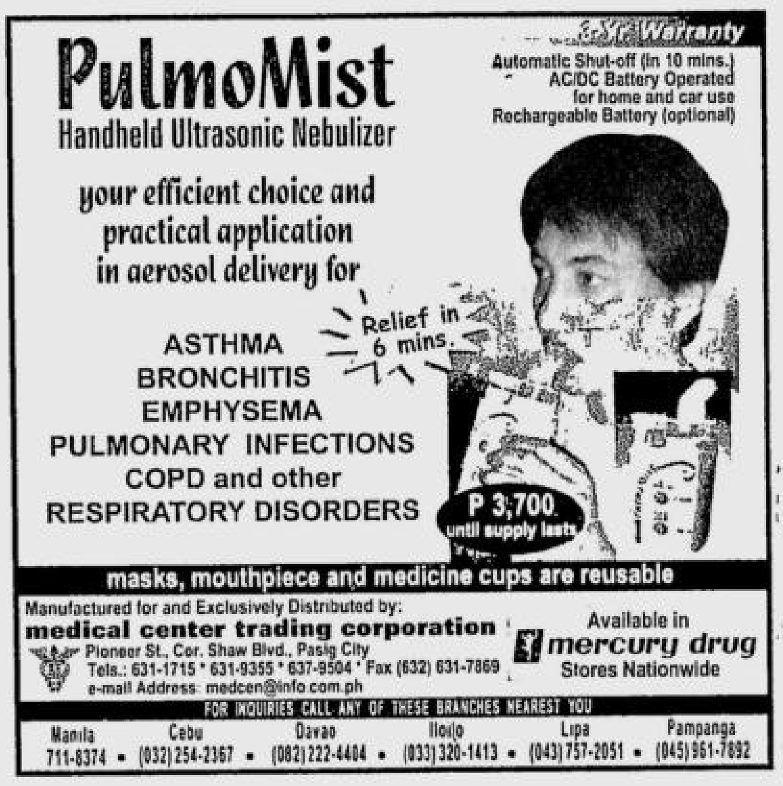

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Floodwaters threaten Expo Pilipino

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million. The number of evacuees, which fell to 9,885 on Saturday, rose to 20,263 yesterday, according to NDCC.

The heavy downpour also caused a 10-kilometer traffic jam on the Southern Luzon Expressway (Slex) Saturday afternoon.

Flooding at the Bicutan interchange in Parañaque and other parts of the expressway stalled cars and backed up vehicles up to San Pedro, Laguna, near Southwoods and the Alaska factory.

Mabalacat Mayor Marino Morales and Teresito Tiotuico of the Clark Development Corp. (CDC) engineering and construction department raised concern over the safety of Expo Pilipino as the river, straddling Mabalacat in Pampanga and Bamban in Tarlac, swelled and washed out some 100 houses in two Aeta villages Friday.

"It will just be a few meters and the Expo might be washed out," Morales said.

FVR dike breached

Strong floodwaters also breached a 100-meter section of the eastern side of the 56-km FVR Megadike Saturday night.

Pampanga Rep. Oscar Rodriguez and engineer Marnie Castro of the Save Pampanga Movement confirmed the ruptured section at the Tulid Kalsadang Bayu in Porac town. The damaged section faces Calibutbut, a village of Bacolor town but is nearer to Angeles City.

Rodriguez said the breach endangered Barangays Manibang in Porac, Calibutbut and Maliwalu in Bacolor and Telabastagan in the City of San Fernando.

Strong muddy streams pounding the Bamban-Sacobia River's Mabalacat side, on which the 60-hectare Expo Pilipino is located, have spilled into the area where the CDC's water tank and security house are located, according to Tiotuico.

In low-lying areas, floodwaters have submerged the fence and swamped the road leading to Clark's Mabalacat gate.

Morales, chair of the Pampanga Mayors League, said he had alerted CDC president Emmanuel Angeles on the threat to Expo Pilipino, which was inaugurated for the centennial of Philippine Independence in 1998.

Asset

"This is an economic asset we cannot just let go to waste," Morales said.

At the height of Expo Pilipino's operations, the government, through the Philippine Centennial Exposition Corp. (Expocorp), hired about 1,000 employees on top of the 3,000 workers contracted to build the park and its main feature, the 35,000-seat amphitheater called the Freedom Ring.

More than 100 Aetas earned from selling handicraft and fruits to visitors that averaged 5,000 daily.

The river beside the Expo, though silted with volcanic sediments, is active and fed by Mt. Pinatubo's watersheds.

Morales said funds for the river control project were not released during the time of President Joseph Estrada, who, aside from ordering a probe of the alleged overpricing of the project, ordered the park closed in 1999.

Waters draining from the Sacobia-Bamban River into Sapang Balen Creek and Quitangil River have spilled to 14 Mabalacat villages, according to Morales.

He said water rose to 20 feet in the Aeta barangays of Marcos and Macapagal.

Freedom Ring

Groups that opposed the construction of Expo Pilipino said it should remain intact as proof of the alleged overpriced Freedom Ring, whose cost rose from P248 million to P1.2 billion.

Ombudsman Aniano Desierto last week ordered the filing of graft charges against former Vice President Salvador Laurel, then chair of the National Centennial Commission and Expocorp, in connection with the alleged overpricing and awarding of contract to its builders without public bidding.

Sources said the park should be kept intact because a complete audit report, which the Commission on Audit has yet to submit, required a check on the features of the structure.

Desierto earlier said he could not rule on the liability of former President Fidel Ramos in the alleged Expo Pilipino scam pending COA's submission of the audit report.

CDC officials, on orders of President Macapagal-Arroyo, are close to finishing negotiations for the "re-theming" and reopening of Expo Pilipino by private firms.

Snakes

Among the latest casualties was a family of three buried in a landslide in Olongapo City, northwest of Manila, and two men electrocuted in Bacoor, Cavite.

On Saturday, five other people drowned or died after being bitten by snakes flushed out by floodwaters in La Union and Pangasinan, the civil defense office said.

Inday, packing winds of up to 160 km an hour, was expected to hit the southern Japanese city of Okinawa in late afternoon Sunday after brushing past the extreme northern Philippines, the weather bureau said.

Much of the Philippines have been swamped by bad weather since July 6, induced first by Typhoon "Gloria" and later on by Tropical Storm Hambalos.

About 1.4 million people in 16 provinces and 26 cities, including Metro Manila, have been affected by the flooding, according to NDCC executive director Melchor Rosales.

Despite Inday's exit, government weatherman Bobby Rivera said much of the country would continue to experience "rainfall episodes" over the first half of the week with the appearance of a low pressure area on the South China Sea some 460 km off the coast of Luzon.

He warned residents of low-lying areas to stay alert for "recurrent floods" and those living in upland areas to "take precautions against landslides." *With reports from AP and AFP*

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Geniuses can be wacky

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Asimov, Hollywood actress Geena Davis and beauty queen Liza Berroya.

"Mensans are not all honor students. If you are the class clown of your batch, it is more likely that you are Mensa material," Yu said.

Just like intelligence, the penchant for humor is not limited to a certain age group among Mensans.

Yu recalled the story of a 12-year-old member who tagged along a group of grown-up members to dinner.

The group got lost along T. Morato Avenue in Quezon City while looking for Alex III Restaurant. Sensing the grown-ups' exasperation, the girl volunteered that Alex III must be beside Alex II.

"And where would Friday's (another restaurant) be, huh? Probably beside Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's," a grown-up interjected.

"Oh, no. Of course it would be beside Thursday's and Saturday's," the girl coolly replied.

Mensa officers would not offer a scientific explanation for the high IQ-humor connection. The more important thing is that local Mensans enjoy the company afforded by their elite grouping.

Ponytail

Mensa Philippines is chaired by a 79-year-old retired civil engineer with a puny white ponytail and a fondness for jokes about local bold actresses.

Dr. Reynaldo Lesaca also has a doctorate in public safety engineering and four master's degrees but would rather discuss the ponytail than the IQ level needed for someone to qualify as a member of Mensa.

He justifies the ponytail, saying "I want to be different," much to the chagrin of his wife who apparently wants to cut it off.

Lesaca said he would be mad if the wife did so. But on second thought, "better to have the ponytail cut than something else," he said with a soundless laughter.

Mensa Philippines has several special interest groups (SIG) that offer a variety of activities. A creative writing SIG aims to publish the works of its members, a currently inactive gourmet SIG is composed of adventurous diners who would first eat before pursuing more spiritual matters.

Another SIG takes trips to Sagada and other remote areas to appreciate the outdoors.

A score at or above the 98th percentile in the standard test of intelligence is all it takes to qualify as a member of Mensa.

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There are an estimated 100,000 Mensans in 100 countries with an age range between 4 and 94. Most, however, are between 20 and 49. High school dropouts join holders of multiple doctorates. And not all are famous and intelligent people. There are truck drivers and glassblowers among them.

Mensa Philippines is recognized as an "emerging" Mensa with a head count fluctuating between 80 and 140, depending on how many are able to shell out the required membership fee.

To be considered a full-fledged Mensa, the Philippine chapter's membership must include 2 percent of the country's population of 80 million, Lesaca said.

"There are actually between 700 and 900 who qualify for membership, having passed the qualifying exam. But not everyone regularly (updates) membership. For some, it's enough that they became members for a year and got an ID," according to Yu.

On Saturday, the INQUIRER joined the hundreds of students, professionals and other hopefuls—both young and old, as they tried their IQ (and luck) by taking the Mensa test conducted at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.

The examination was purely abstract and non-verbal. All one has to do is guess the next image in a sequence of figures.

Arturo Ilano, UP business administration professor and president of Mensa Philippines, said that the test sought to avoid cultural biases that stem from mathematics, reading comprehension and similar types of test.

"A figural reasoning exam is culture-free. People from the Third World countries, for instance, will not be discriminated against, regardless of the kind of education they have had. What matters really is how much you use your brain in your daily activities," Ilano said.

But what exactly does having an above average IQ tell about a person?

According to Ilano, a person who has an intelligence quotient of 120 is 20 percent more intelligent than an average person. This means that he or she is supposedly faster at analyzing problems.

Still, this does not mean that person with high IQ has a greater chance at succeeding in life and is better at coping with relationships with other people.

"There's a big difference between IQ and what we call the EQ, or emotional intelligence. Many studies show that people with high IQ are not necessarily good at socializing," Ilano said.

Unlike in the United States and Great Britain where people who take the Mensa test have varying backgrounds, most of the Filipino examinees come from the academe and are middle-class.

At present, the youngest member of Mensa Philippines is Aiyana Celeste Punsalan, a 12-year-old sophomore student in Jose Abad Santos Memorial School in Quezon City.

She took the test in May, only after she had made a guinea pig out of her father, Rudyard Punsalan, who also passed the test.

But if it's any consolation for those who did not make it to the so-called "society of bright people," not passing does not mean one is not smart.

"It could mean they are just not good at this type of test. They could be better in other fields," Ilano said.

"Or the weather was not conducive to taking the test. Or they had other things in mind and could not concentrate. The list of alibis goes on," Yu added in jest.

Berlin is biggest dance floor

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Love Parade to gyrate to the thunderous blare of techno music.

This year's event proudly bore the motto "Access Peace." although world stability was not the first thing on the minds of revelers at a party famed for its heady mix of primal tunes, mind-expanding drugs and loose libidos.

Around 40 trucks crammed with writhing dancers, some of electronic music's best-known DJs and thumping loudspeakers paraded from each end of the massive Tiergarten Park, converging in the middle in a sea of sequined bikinis and fluorescent hotpants.

The smell of marijuana hung in the air as a light rain fell, and although the crowds were smaller this year the parade lived up to its reputation for exhibitionist dancing and outrageous homemade fashions.

Denise and Anika, both 19, attracted attention with matching furry fluorescent yellow miniskirts and purple elastic bras.

"We made these ourselves but it went a bit wrong," shouted Denise, lifting the corner of her skirt to reveal a rough bit of stitching and a flash of thigh that was promptly sprayed with beer by an appreciative passerby.

The first Love Parade 13 years ago attracted just 150 people dancing up West Berlin's main shopping street behind a solitary float, and was intended as a demonstration for "tolerance, respect and understanding between nations."

"I'm searching for boys," said Diana, 18, wandering through the bushes to the side of the main avenue with her phone number scribbled in red lipstick across her cleavage.

"I come from this dull little town near the Polish border and I'm hoping I might get lucky here," said Paul, 17, also on the prowl in the undergrowth.

Berlin DJ Dr Motte, one of the Love Parade's founding fathers, was keen to emphasize the party's spiritual roots.

"We don't just talk about tolerance, we go one step further. We dance tolerance," Motte told Reuters.

"We are in contact with old cultures through our music. With 160 beats a minute we have a similarly fast rhythm to the rain dances of the Indians."

But many in Berlin believe the Love Parade's heyday is over. Hard-core techno-heads say it is no more than a commercial extravaganza that has diluted their music's "sub-cultural" edge.

Police reported fewer dancers on the streets this year, estimating a crowd of 500,000 and saying the final turnout was unlikely to approach last year's 800,000. The party's organizers put the figure nearer 750,000. **Reuters**

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Polls suspended in 238 villages

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becoming responsible leaders of the country.

"Your votes are important. Your right to elect our leaders is sacred," she said.

But Ms Mcapagal will not be able to cast her vote because the polls were suspended in Lubao, Pampanga, where she is a registered voter.

Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said that Ms Macapagal would do so once the Comelec reset the elections.

In Metro Manila, 41 barangays will not hold elections: four in Las Piñas, 10 in Malabon, two in Manila, seven in Navotas, three in Quezon City and 15 in Valenzuela.

Besides Lubao, elections will not be held in the Pampanga towns of Guagua, Sasmoan, Lubao, Candaba, San Luis, San Simon, Sto. Tomas, Minalin, Macabebe, Masantol; two barangays in Arayat; four barangays in Mexico; and 12 barangays in San Fernando City.

In Bataan, there will be no barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections in Dinalupihan, Hermosa, Orani, Balanaga City, and three barangays in the coastal town of Batac.

Other affected places are certain barangays in Agno, Aguilar, Bautista, Bayombong, Bimmaley, Bugallon, Calasiao, Labrador, Lingayen, Mangatarem, San Fabian, San Manuel, Sta. Barbara, Urbiztondo, Dagupan City and San Carlos City in Pangasinan.

In La Union, the list includes the towns of Santol, San Gabriel, Sudipen, Sto. Tomas, Aringay, Bacnotan and Bagulin.

The Comelec said the roads to the affected areas were deemed impassable as of yesterday, although the poll body said it might still reconsider the postponement if the weather holds up and the floods recede today.

Low turnout

Comelec Commissioner Resurreccion Borra had projected that only about 20 percent to 30 percent of the 2.5 million voters aged 15-17 would show up to cast their ballots for the Sangguniang Kabataan due to the erratic weather and non-interest among the youth.

He said only about 60 percent of the 37.9 million voters eligible to elect officials in the country's 42,000 barangays may actually come to the polling places.

Comelec records show that 563 barangays nationwide have no candidate at all for SK councilor while 134 have no aspirant for the SK chairmanship.

This is despite the fact that 48.6 percent of all youth voters eligible to vote under the new law had registered during the enlistment in December last year and in May, according to the National Youth Commission.

Republic Act No. 9164, which lowered the age of SK voters to below 18, has disenfranchised 87,000 voters aged 18 to 21 who were not able to enlist for the barangay polls, according to Comelec executive director Mamasapunod Aguam.

National SK president Richard Nalupta said the new law should explain why some barangays did not have SK candidates.

"Our experience with the youth shows that those who are interested in running for public office, are aged 18 and above. Unfortunately, they can neither vote nor run anymore in this SK elections," Nalupta said yesterday in a statement.

In Western Visayas, lawyer Victor Gaborne, acting regional election supervisor, said he expected a voter turnout of at least 78 percent of the 3,110,344 registered voters in the region for the barangays elections.

There are 4,196 barangays and 20,063 precincts in Western Visayas covering the provinces of Iloilo, Guimaras, Capiz, Aklan, Antique and Negros Occidental.

But the turnout for the SK elections was projected to be low and could reach only half of the 126,603 voters in the region based on the turnout during the registration for the SK, Gaborne said.

Masbate

While the Comelec was busy preparing for the synchronized polls, an influential political clan in Masbate had allegedly caused the reorganization of the police force in Masbate City.

Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Jr. stopped a last-minute order from Senior Supt. Ricardo Cacola Ver reassigning 70 police personnel from Masbate City and facilitating their replacements.

The order, dated July 13 and signed by Comelec provincial supervisor Mohammad Hassan, was revoked by Abalos, saying it was illegal because it had not been approved by the Comelec en banc.

The military has deployed three more battalions to the Bicol region as it loomed as one of the problem areas in today's elections.

The three battalions, according to a press statement issued by Task Force Honest Orderly and Peaceful Elections, were sent to Camarines Sur, Sorsogon and Masbate after it noted that Bicol had the highest number of election-related violent incidents.

A Marine battalion was sent to Camarines Sur while one battalion each was sent to Sorsogon and Masbate.

As of yesterday, seven people had been reported killed in nine election-related incidents in the Bicol region.

The military has monitored a total of 51 election-related incidents, 33 of them gun ban violations which resulted in the confiscation of 23 firearms.

Camiling said the figures were low, adding that he expects the elections to be "generally peaceful."

"The security forces are ready, especially in the election areas of concern like Sulu," said Gen. Roy Cimatu, Armed Forces chief of staff, in Marawi.

The police regional command listed as "areas of immediate concern" 19 barangays in Leyte, 45 in Samar, six in Eastern Samar and 16 in Northern Samar.

The police also listed a total of 268 barangays in the region as "areas of concern," including 135 barangays in Samar, 78 in Northern Samar, 28 in Eastern Samar and 10 in Leyte, among other places.

In Central Visayas, the Comelec has identified 562 barangays as areas of concerns—344 in Bohol, 210 in Cebu and four in Negros Oriental. None was recorded in Siquijor.

Marshall Rubia, Comelec assistant regional director, said armed groups were reported in 344 out of the 399 barangays in Bohol. ***With reports from Carlito Pablo in Manila; Carla P. Gomez, Nestor Burgos Jr., Vicente S. Labro and Jolene R. Bulambot PDI Visayas Bureau; and Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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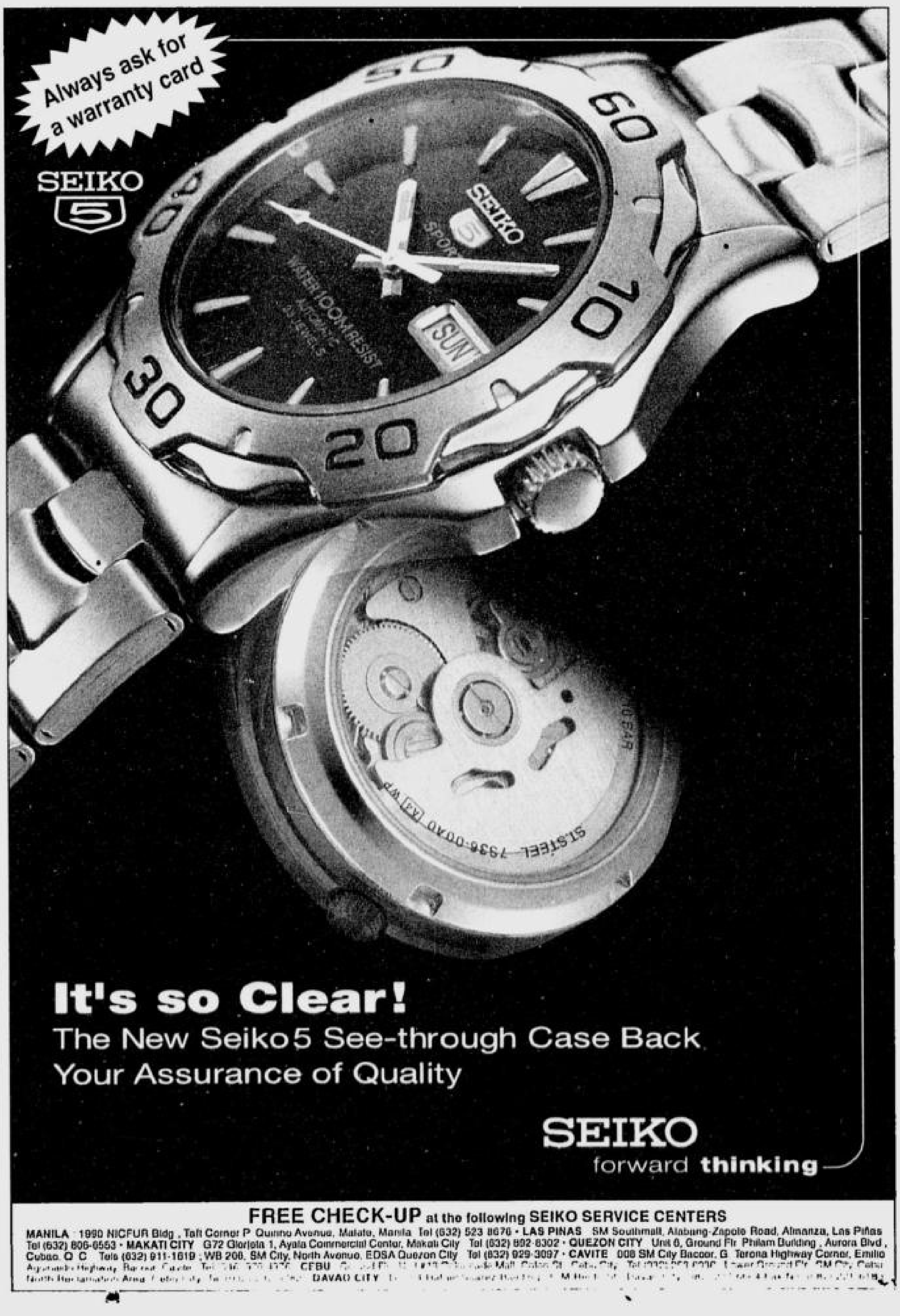

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The vote

EDITORIAL

AT FIRST sight, the outlook for today's barangay and Sanggunian Kabataan elections is as bleak as the weather in storm-battered Luzon. Yesterday, Election Commissioner Resurreccion Borra couldn't hide his pessimism about the looming possibility of a depressed voter turnout, because of the fatal convergence of high floodwaters and low public interest.

The elections in several towns and cities—including President Macapagal Arroyo's own hometown of Lubao, Pampanga—have in fact been suspended because of the floods. The eerie sight of partially submerged polling centers may thus be easily mistaken for a vivid metaphor representing the state of politics in the Philippines. Professional doomsayers—even of the late-blooming kind, like opposition leader Sen. Edgardo Angara—will take to the image like the proverbial duck to water.

They would be making a great error. Elections in this country since the restoration of democracy in 1986 have always been occasions for hope. People may argue about what it is exactly that drives Filipinos to the polling booth in numbers that are the envy of other democracies. But the essential fact remains: we take the central democratic franchise very seriously indeed.

Today, there will be many voters who will brave the rains, perhaps hiring one of those ubiquitous flood-proof carts simply to reach their election precinct and cast their vote. A Filipino riding a makeshift cart on his way to the ballot box: this is the representative image, the real story, of politics, Philippine-style. Since at least the 1984 parliamentary elections, the first electoral exercise after the assassination of Benigno Aquino Jr. and the second to the last under the Marcos regime, Filipinos have voted in sufficient numbers to send a powerful message of hope.

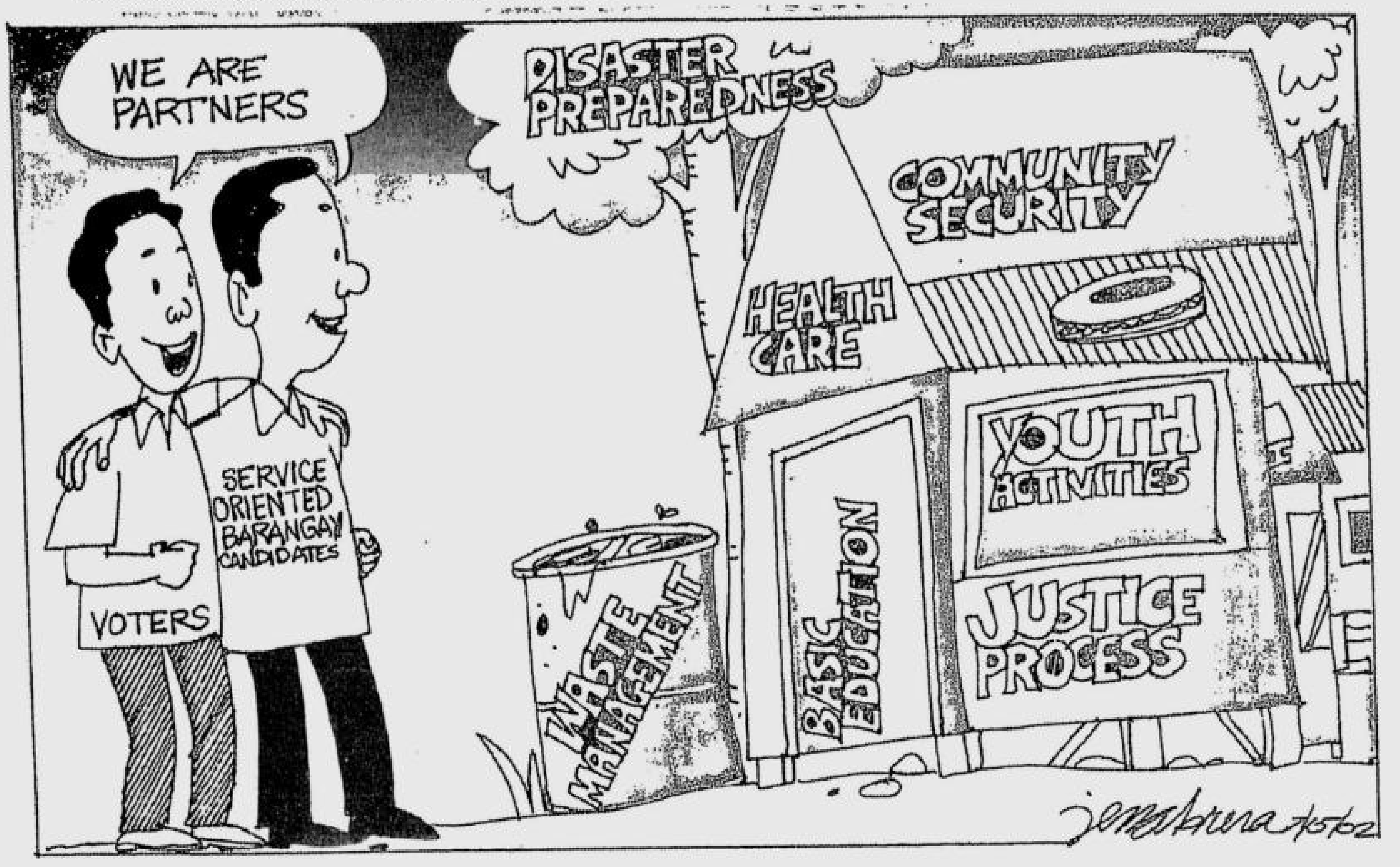
That millions of Filipinos will still turn out to vote today, however, is not an argument for the SK, an experiment in sectoral governance that has been severely tested in the last few years. It is possible that the youth officials elected today will be the last under such a set-up. There are rumblings in both houses of Congress about the ineffectiveness of a system where officials serve only on a part-time basis, because they have studies or the like to attend to, and where officials are insufficiently political—that is, they do not enjoy access to the barangay officials who can direct the release of government money already allotted to them.

To be sure, the Commission on Elections made a terrible mistake in the opposite direction, when it decided two weeks ago during a marathon en banc session in Iloilo City to allow politicians to campaign "for or against" Sanggunian Kabataan candidates. The decision, inadequately covered in the various mass media, effectively undermined the non-partisan character of the youth polls.

It may very well be that the performance of today's winners will determine the future of the SK. But the institution of the barangay is a different matter altogether. Despite the occasional abusive or absent official, the barangay is a time-tested political arrangement that fits the Philippine polity. It is the bedrock on which the entire political structure is based—a unit large enough to accommodate more than one demographic class and more than one political or community issue, but at the same time small enough for literally everyone to be heard from. It is town hall politics at its best.

Or at least it could be. Their sheer number (there are 41,945 barangays in the country) is a measure of the importance barangays play in politics and governance. Often, the quality of barangay officials is superior to those of a given district or municipality. You have doctors, engineers, businessmen with a conscience, housewives who serve as the pillars of homeowners' associations. And yet, if one were to judge by the actions of professional politicians, barangay officials are a mere political afterthought, their election a constitutional chore that can be postponed (as in fact today's exercise had been postponed).

Today, come hell or high water, millions of voters will prove them wrong.



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Neal H. Cruz

TERMITE (tur'mit') n.—Any of an order of pale-colored social insects having a soft body, spineless and living in colonies (sometimes called Copa) composed of winged forms that mate and wingless workers and soldiers that are usually sterile and immature: they are very destructive to wooden structures (and presidents) and are found in the temperate zones and esp. in the tropics (like the Philippines).—**Webster's New World Dictionary**

Termites are really destructive and treacherous. They're already destroying your home and you're still unaware of it. But President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo insulted them by comparing them to human termites. The latter are much more treacherous and traitorous, dangerous and demanding. They pretend to be your friend and supporter but are actually working for your downfall. Especially if the President has not appointed them to choice and lucrative government positions. After all, they think the President owes her position to them. They believe they own her and she owes them. If not for them, where would she be? They deserve handsome rewards from her. Directorships in government agencies are peanuts; they deserve something bigger. The Department of Foreign Affairs is vacant, why not that? Why offer it to an enemy and not to a friend? If choice jobs are to be given to enemies, then they might as well be enemies.

Termite colonies are centered around a queen and a drone who spend their entire lives in the dark, hidden deep inside the termite mound. But the human termites just love the limelight. Their day is not complete if they do not appear in the newspapers and television. They'll do anything for publicity. After all, publicity helps elect senators, congressmen and sectoral representatives, and if criticizing the President will get them that publicity, by gum, they will criticize her.

The trouble with the President is that like any housewife, she panics at the sight of termites in the woodwork, thinking they will make her house collapse around her. But termites are just insects, the human variety included. They're all deathly afraid of exposure—to the sun, to the air, to the truth.

Termites are always hungry; they have voracious appetites. Give them wood or paper to gorge on and they'll be contented. For the human variety, throw them cushy jobs, not crumbs and they'll be contented and keep quiet. Most of all, they want to feel important. They don't want to be ignored. Ignore them and they'll infest Edsa again.

The other trouble with the President is that she is obsessed with being reelected in 2004—even if she denies it. All her time, energy and decisions are all calculated to achieve that goal. She wants to please everybody—but even God cannot please everybody. And pleasing everybody is not the road to reelection. The right road is to do what is right and just, you will necessarily displease the lawbreakers. But doing what is right is its own reward.

The trouble is that what is wrong can easily be mistaken for what is right. Just one example: You would think that coddling and pleasing squatters is the right thing to do. Wrong. It is unjust. You do an injustice to the law-abiding, taxpaying property owners and reward the lawbreakers. The victims here are the property owners and the oppressors and opportunists are the squatters.

* * *

Which brings us to today's Barangay and Sanggunian Kabataan elections. I have always had doubts about the merits of these elections. We are infecting the youth and the barangay folk with the dirt of politics. Who gets elected to the barangay positions? The *istambays* who spend their time drinking with *kanto* boys.

After getting elected, what do they do? Nothing, except collect *tong* from the squatters, the sidewalk vendors and from the jeepney drivers so the latter can continue violating the law. Bribery and extortion is the rule of the day. Yet these barangay officials are being paid by the law-abiding taxpayers. Do you know that the annual budget of a barangay can go as high as P14 million? Sixty percent of that is supposed to go to infrastructure and 40 percent to operations. That's approximately P5 million which includes the salaries and allowances of the barangay officials. But do you see any infrastructure worth P8 million in most barangays? And the officials can't even be depended upon to direct traffic or teach their constituents on the proper disposal of garbage?

Because most of the officials elected are squatters themselves. Those who come from the middle-class subdivisions around them are always outvoted by the squatters because the former don't vote.

That is why I was pleasantly surprised during the weekend when candidates from subdivisions in Barangay Pasong Tamo in Quezon City came campaigning in the village where I live. Our barangay officials usually come from the squatter colonies so these colonies are getting bigger. The subdivision candidates said they want to change the situation. They want to give the other residents, not only the squatters, a voice in running their affairs.

These candidates were led by Sol Monteverde, a classmate of a Supreme Court justice, an accountant and a former major in the military. His *kagawads* are Dr. Jun Pedro, Aldrin Deuna, Apen Eugenia, Rene Munoz, Heyo Sareno, Nora Callado and Nonoy Conol.

'Ugok'

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"*MATAGAL na 'ko rito*. I am brighter than you. *Mga ugok.*"

Those were Rodrigo Duterte's famous last words last Thursday. Though they're more infamous than famous, and they are not likely to be the last. That was his response to critics after they took him to task for saying the only way to deal with kidnappers was to "salvage" them. Summary execution, he said, was the only thing that would put fear in the hearts of kidnappers.

The first and second sets of statements are not unrelated. They draw from the same well, which is overweening arrogance. The kind that says, "I know when people are innocent or guilty, I can try, sentence and execute."

I myself was astounded when Duterte expressed his theory of how to stop kidnapping in those terms. Though I was not astounded when President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo found it brilliant and applauded it heartily. I have never been a great admirer of her capacity for discernment, something civil society seems to have discovered only of late. My first impression when Duterte said those things was that he had been given the wrong portfolio. Clearly, he would be better as a consultant for population control than for anti-crime. He would contribute mightily to it.

That point was driven home to me by no lack of happy, or unhappy, coincidence. At the time Duterte said what he did, television had just been full of images of the swath of destruction left by Gloria—the storm and the stormy one. Those images did not just give me to appreciate the extent and depth of Gloria's fury, they reminded me of the extent and depth of this country's poverty. I saw those *barong-barongs* in the urban poor communities, awash in chest-deep waters—though the rains had subsided—reachable now only by makeshift floating things, and the first thought that hit me was: "Jesus, this country's crime rate will freak out again."

Not everyone of course will be forced into it. Some will remain deeply pious, taking comfort from Job's example, and die hungry. But many will turn to crime. Some will keep to petty crime, but others will graduate to bigger crimes, like kidnapping. With cops and vigilantes being licensed to "salvage" lowlife, that difference won't matter in time. You'll hang as much for a lamb as for a sheep. A good incentive to go major league.

At that, the decimation of the population, even if you take that cynically to be a social good—and if so, why not just try Jonathan Swift's more efficient "modest proposal," which is for us to eat the babies of the poor?—won't stop crime anyway. Duterte forgets one thing. Which is that he is not the first, well, *ugok*, to propose to make criminals sleep with the fishes, to borrow a phrase from "The Godfather."

Before him, there was Alfredo Lim, who even ran for president but now can't even win back Manila from Lito Atienza. He it was who helped pollute the Pasig River by dumping riffraff into it. We will never really know what crimes they committed, if any. Nobody claimed the floating bodies, nobody wept for them. Lim it was also who wanted to paint the houses of suspected drug pushers red, in a parody, or reversal, of the Passover, hoping a plague would visit them. He backed down only after the public made him realize his methods more properly belonged to the Inquisition. None of it stopped, or even curbed, crime. It only made it worse.

And just to show why you should be deathly scared when people say they've been around and know better, to this day Nemesio Prudente blames Lim for the two ambushes that nearly took his life, and did several of his friends and companions. Tyranny, like Biblical rain, falls on the good as much as the bad.

And before Duterte, there was Panfilo Lacson, now a senator, who may still have his case of masterminding the "salvaging" of several Kuratong Baleleng suspects revived. The Kuratong Baleleng of course was presumed to be a gang of kidnappers. Their "salvaging" merely ended their miserable existence—and probably their ability to pinpoint their protectors in the Philippine National Police. It did not end kidnapping.

In fact, fascist methods do not stop crime, they fuel crime. That is so particularly in this country. The difference between crime before martial law and after is not just quantitative, it is also qualitative. The defining characteristic of crime since martial law is the participation of the authorities themselves in crime. It has been the transformation of law enforcement into crime enforcement. A state of affairs that continued well past 1986, the same people responsible for messing up the country being promoted and given more powers for their apparent role in helping undo the mess they made. If crime in this country riots, it is not because the law enforcers are powerless to stop it. It is because the law enforcers are a powerful part of it. That should be obvious from the Senate hearings on Lacson, which did not end up convicting Lacson but ended up convicting the entire PNP at least in the court of public opinion.

You sanction methods like "salvaging," you agree to the authorities being judge, jury and executioner, and you give the very law enforcers who have been enforcing crime in this country the license to do pretty much anything they want. The same people Mary Ong accused of being drug lords, *jueteng* lords, and, oh Lord, kidnap lords. The same people Interior Secretary Joey Lina accuses at least of being coddlers of them. You are tempted to say that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. But there is little left in the police to corrupt. What empowering them to "salvage" will only do is corrupt the Pasig some more with more bodies in various stages of corruption.

"*Matagal na ko rito,*" says Duterte. *Kaya na man matagal na rin ang krimen.*

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Comments to [illegible]

Civil society's beef vs Ople

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE PALACE gives the impression that the question of who'll succeed Vice President Teofisto Guingona at the Department of Foreign Affairs is still to be decided by the President upon the recommendation of a search committee. Apparently, however, it's a done deal with Sen. Blas Ople and one indication is that his office last week already asked Guingona's DFA office for its plantilla. *Naghahanda na si* Ople.

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An observer remarked to this columnist that if this is the case, then Ople should already take his oath of office as foreign secretary and not wait for the opening of Congress on Monday, July 22. The report is that Ople wants to first cast his vote with the opposition in the Senate before signing up, obviously in an effort to salve his conscience for switching sides. But he should realize that his taking the oath now and joining the administration already could help soften civil society's hard-line stance against him. For what riles a number of members of that group is the perception that Ople wants to have his cake and eat it too. But whether he admits it or not, his leaving the opposition even after the 22nd is what's going to tilt the balance in the Senate. To some observers, what's one week earlier?

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"Masyadong maanghang" was the verdict of some people on the speech delivered by opposition leader Sen. Edgardo Angara before the Philippine Press Institute last Friday, wherein he hit President Macapagal for allegedly being "an incompetent Chief Executive." To Angara, one of the indications of this is the "ballooning budget deficit," which has hit P107.5 billion in the first quarter of this year. He seems to forget, however, that the budget deficit ballooned to unprecedented proportions during the time of his bosom buddy, former President Estrada, reaching P245 billion by the time Erap was booted out of power. GMA's administration heroically succeeded in paring it down to P145 billion in her first year through a lot of belt tightening, but this year's goal of P130 billion may be overshot because of poor collection owing to the bad business climate worldwide. The problem with Angara is that now he suddenly has found his voice, whereas for two and a half years he played blind and deaf to all the excesses of the Erap regime, including the rampant smuggling of basic agricultural commodities by people close to Erap.

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The flurry of negotiations between Palace officials and civil society leaders to invite the President to the Mass for peace at the Edsa Shrine this afternoon is a typical Filipino way to resolve conflicts. But it must be stressed that the conflict that the Mass is trying to heal is also a very Filipino one and that sadly it is diverting us from the real problems, which are, how to stabilize our country and move it in the realm of economics so as to alleviate the poverty of our people. We are spending too much energy on our divisions, which is so counter-productive to progress.

But it is good for the negotiations to succeed, as this would help defuse the tensions prior to the State of the Nation Address, which escalated after it was reported that the Vice President will attend the Mass. This was viewed by pundits as "an open break" between the two top officials, never mind if the VP has said he's just attending a Mass and not a political rally. But if GMA attends the Mass, too, in the company of Cory Aquino and the bishops, then that will have a healing effect on the nation.

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Since the resignation of the VP has hogged the headlines and triggered a number of political developments, it's timely to quote from the letter of Valenzuela City Rep. Magtanggol "Magi" Gunigundo to this column, a reaction to my mention of his support for the VP. Gunigundo stressed his belief that it's time to "reshape and redefine the role of the Vice President," following the US experience. He noted that the Carter administration blazed the trail in expanding the role of the VP, who is constitutionally assigned to preside over the US Senate, but otherwise had been assigned to purely ceremonial functions. Gunigundo wrote that Vice President Walter Mondale was recruited into the Carter inner circle and actively involved in the decision-making process in the White House, and this expanded role was sustained by succeeding administrations all the way to that of George W. Bush.

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The lawmaker recalled, however, that this transformation of the American VP's role wasn't without its birth pains. He cited that in the 1960 US presidential elections, Vice President Richard Nixon used "experience" as his slogan against the Democratic senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy. Gunigundo pointed out, however, that President Eisenhower shot down his VP's campaign line when at a press conference he was asked to name at least one major White House operation where Nixon had played a key role. Eisenhower replied, "Give me a week to think of the answer." Gunigundo surmised that Ike's statement cost Nixon the 1960 elections and at the same time dramatized the pitiful, marginalized role of the VP in the US state of affairs.

Since Carter's time, however, the lawmaker noted that the American people have come to value highly the teamwork between their top officials. The entire US nation, he opines, "sleeps better at night knowing that the top two political figures are working together for the common good and are not at each other's throat." He stressed that we should learn from the "resignation" of Guingona "who is not perceived as a political threat in 2004, for if he was, he would not have been handpicked for Vice President." He opines that instead of treating the VP as an outsider and keeping him in the sidelines, "it's time the President put to good use his talents, and that this is "one legacy she can be proud of and the nation truly grateful for."

I could have told her

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Noralyn Mustafa

GUESS who could not come to dinner at the Palace?

The caller, sounding quite urgent, said she was from the Malacañang appointments office, adding "You are invited to dinner with the President on Monday. Can you attend?"

It was Thursday afternoon, very bad weather, and there was no way I could just drop everything I was doing, take the boat trip the following day for Zamboanga City and take my chances of catching a flight to Manila, Sunday at the latest.

I thanked her for the invitation and explained why I had to decline. I did feel bad about it, though. It's not every day that a provincial correspondent and a monthly columnist gets to dine with the President of the Republic.

Besides, I did want to see her again. After all, I was at Edsa, recovering from flu but correctly dressed, and witnessed her oath-taking. "Be sure to wear a black T-shirt," shouted a co-ed to me as I left the PCED hostel in UP at six that morning for a walk around the campus to breath the familiar scent of grass and acacia blossoms. I was sure it would finally cure the cold and cough that had me stranded in Manila after attending a conference at AIM.

And when months later she visited Jolo and I was among the crowd that welcomed her at the airport, she shook my hand and flashing a bright smile, asked me how I was, in a tone and manner that made me feel as if I were a long-lost friend. How did she do that?

And I'm a sucker for presidents who make me feel like a long-lost friend.

But like the flu that had forced me to stay in UP a full week, my decision to decline the invitation turned out to be a blessing in disguise. On Monday, the typhoon, her namesake, struck.

Still, I really wanted to dine with Ate Glo because that would have given me the chance to talk with her, and there were so many things I would have told her, but only if she asked, of course.

So I did the next best thing. I imagined I really got to the Palace for that dinner. I grabbed the seat directly across her, and, intoxicated with the fragrance of the American Beauty roses between us, I introduced myself hoping she would remember I was her long-lost friend.

"So how is Jolo?" she asked.

"It's fruit season and they're all over the market and spilling out on to the sidewalks—durian, mangosteen, rambutan, baunuh, marang, lanzones, wannih, mangoes."

"All of that?" All at the same time?

"Yes. They're a bit early this year, in such abundance and so cheap. It's a great time for tourists to visit."

"Tourists? What tourists?" she asked with a little frown, a little distracted by the clam soup. "Why would tourists go to Jolo?"

"It's a great tourist destination. Aside from our fruits some of which don't grow elsewhere, we have unpolluted air, the best tasting water, white sand beaches, aquamarine shore waters, postcard pretty streams. We even have a heart-shaped lake."

"But a lot of other places in the country have that," she said, forking into the salad of pako curls that I thought had gone a bit limp with too much blanching.

"Yes, but they can't beat the historicity of Sulu. Civilization in this country began there. There, the first system of governance was established with the sultanate, it was the entry point of the first world religion that spread here, international commerce, foreign relations."

"But you also have the Abu Sayyaf," she said, as she scrutinized the entrée. "By the way, what's the latest on them?"

"They have perfected the art of astral projection."

"What?" She almost choked on the grilled blue marlin, prompting her to take a sip of the buko-pandan juice.

"Well, people who should know swore that Commander Robot and Mujib Susukan were elsewhere when the military reported they had joined Khadaffy Janjalani in Patikul and ambushed a group of Scout Rangers, killing an officer and wounding six others. But a soldier absolved them, claiming he was the culprit."

It was apparent she was in state of suspended shock. So I pressed my advantage and continued.

"Then they were supposed to have fired a howitzer at the exact moment that the soldiers were positioning theirs, killing one soldier and wounding several others. But a wounded soldier absolved them, testifying that it was their own gun that misfired."

"Don't you have any good news?" she said, probably thinking, as I did, that only good news befitted the excellent desert of pudding with custard sauce.

"Oh yes. Plenty. We're building a bridge to connect the port and Chinese Pier, our ancient wharf. Our mayor, Hadji Suod Tan has rid the sidewalks of vendors and prettied up the market with funds provided by our congressman, Hussin Amin, and our other congressman, Munir Arbison of the second district, is sponsoring at least two teachers each year for further studies in UP, aside from college scholarships for poor but deserving students."

"That's wonderful! But how do we solve the problem of Abu Sayyaf? They still have the three Indonesians."

"And Roland Ullah. In the immediate term, maybe you really should call in the American Marines because the magic tricks of Robot and Janjalani are confusing our military and confusing us too. For the long term, maybe you should ask Congressman Arbison. He should know. His town, Luuk, where his father is mayor, is farthest from the capital town, but it is the most progressive and the most peaceful."

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The Missing Link and Professor Gould

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

PALEONTOLOGY, the science of ancient life, gets upper case treatment this week, because Stephen Jay Gould, Harvard University professor of Zoology and Geology, and the author of 20 popular science bestsellers, died recently. There is also the sensational discovery, reported last week, of a possible Missing Link, a 6-million-year-old skull from the deserts of Chad in Central Africa, nicknamed "*Toumai*," or a child born in drought. (By the way, the list of collaborators in this work, announced in the prestigious scientific publication Nature, destined for wide acclaim, has two Filipino-sounding names. May it be!)

Toumai is physical evidence of a now extinct animal species, not-yet man but almost monkey, some of which became human beings, while most stayed up in the trees and evolved into chimpanzees. This makes humans and chimps blood cousins in the 200,000th degree of consanguinity (30 years per human generation, into the 6 million year age). So now, you have heard it first in this newspaper, the name of our far ancestor, *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*. She stands on a rock in the raging river of Time, where the stream of human history splits off from the rest of the animal kingdom.

I am moved by Gould's passing and the discovery of superlola *Toumai*, to abandon for today, the usual contemplation upon presidents, senators, terrorists, *jueteng* lords and other forms of strange life and negative evolution.

By looking at how many of his books are on my bookshelf, with the broken spines of frequent indulgence, I realize what a debt of gratitude I owe him. They have piquant titles, like "Bully for Brontosaurus"; "Ever Since Darwin"; "The Panda's Thumb"; "Hen's Teeth and Horse's Toes"; and "The Lying Stones of Marrakech." But my favorite is the great classic, "Wonderful Life," about some Ferrari-fantastic and futuristic-looking creatures, preserved in Canada's Burgess Shale formation, now mysteriously extinct.

Writers like Gould never assume that the audience is too stupid to understand the deepest scientific ideas, which they never "dumb down" or oversimplify, for the sake of a facile explanation of science's hardest work. The apparatchiks in the Department of Education would have detested him.

But we owe the tribe of paleontologists big time, for the gift of the true story of life on earth, in deepest time. That story is worth telling now, as a tribute to the passing of a great exponent in the art of explanation. Here is the gist of how paleontologists see the history of the world, their creation myth, based on a study of the stones and bones of the geologic and fossil records.

The earth formed from solar debris about 4,500 million years ago. When God created life, He seems to have done so here on earth, about 3,000 million years ago. Adam and Eve were archaeo-bacteria living in hot volcanic vents deep below the earth and oceans. Up to 95 percent of the biomass on earth may be still composed of such simple creatures.

Over the next 2 billion years, these single-celled creatures discovered the possibilities of cooperation and federalism. Thus was born sex, multi-cell organisms, virus barangays, republics of germs, animal bodies, and an explosion of global life forms about 1,000 million years ago. Now the textbook sequence of what happened during these last billion years, (algae, trilobites, dinosaurs, mastodons, monkeys, man), paints a direct line to our own species, and then stops. But notice that the half-man, half-chimp *Toumai* is only 6 million years old. What happened during those 994 million years before *Toumai* and after the Age of Bacteria?

What happened is mystifying and fascinating. Up to 99 percent of all species ever to register their presence in the fossil record, are now extinct. But they do not just die off in a gradual way in a struggle for survival of the fittest. No! There are these unexplained spikes of mass extinction every 25 million years or so, in which almost all the species of life on earth, seem to be extinguished in sudden, but periodic flashes of annihilation.

The famous end of the dinosaurs about 65 million years ago, was only one in a series of at least 20 mass extinction events, spaced out in 25 million-year intervals in the fossil record of the last 500 million years. In each, something insignificant survives to inherit the earth. This fits well with Gould's theory of "punctuated equilibrium" in evolution, a controversial theory that new species rapidly develop when some cataclysmic event occurs and clears out the ecosystem, apart from natural selection by fitness. Man may be just such an accidental beneficiary of cosmic tragedy.

There have already been two other events of mass extinction since a 6-mile wide asteroid landed 200 miles off the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, and wiped out all of dinosauria plus thousands of other species, at the end of the Jurassic. The last was about 12 million years ago, the next in about 13 million years. Six million years ago, *Toumai* and the hominids arose. Two million years ago, the first glimmer of Homo sapiens in the Olduvai Gorge. Two thousand years ago, Christ, and Mohammed soon after. Four years ago, Erap, then Osama bin Laden. Oh well. Shiva the Destroyer, may be arriving 13 million years early, aboard soccer-field sized meteors, or the buses on Edsa.

Before God thought to invent man, He spent nearly one billion years creating and destroying several million species of life forms, designing, making and slaughtering untold zillions of individual creatures, soulless flesh-and-blood beings, bringing them to life for eons, then utterly erasing them. Fossils are the white chalk marks on the blackboard of the Great Artificer. So, was He just practicing to make us?

Newspaper content

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

DO you sometimes find yourself confused about the things you read in a newspaper, the INQUIRER included? Do you find difficulty in differentiating a news report from a column, or an advertisement from an advertorial?

You're not alone if you think newspaper reading is no longer the pleasurable experience it used to be until cable television and VCDs entered our living rooms. Many readers have expressed a similar feeling in their e-mail and letters to me. Today's column will be about the editorial (or written) content of the INQUIRER. Although some of the points I will take up apply to other newspapers, the discussion should be considered applicable only to this newspaper.

The disclaimer is necessary because broadsheets in this country are considered little kingdoms in their own spheres of influence. They have their own ways of reporting the news or doing business. Perhaps, the only rule of conduct that print media recognize is the Philippine Journalist's Code of Ethics, which, like most rules, is susceptible to different interpretations.

We hope that after reading today's column, the readers will know how to react to some of the items they read in the newspaper that, in their opinion, do not meet their expectations or the standards which the INQUIRER has set for itself before the public.

News reports

News is a report of an event that, in the editor's judgment, deserves to be known by the public. It should be accurate, complete and timely. If there are two or more sides to the subject of the news, the reporter should exert all efforts to get those sides and include them in his story.

There is no room for personal opinion or speculations in an honest-to-goodness news report. Facts, and nothing else, should be included in the news. The readers should be left to their own devices in determining why the event happened or its possible consequences.

Usually, the name of the reporter who wrote the news is written below the headline of the news. If two or more reporters worked on the news, their names are included in the billing, with the name of the reporter who contributed a bigger part of the story appearing ahead or on top of the others.

When the reporter's name is written ahead of the news, it is called a byline. If, due to space limitations, the reporter's name cannot be written in that manner, it is often indicated at the ends of the news, in which case it is called a tag line.

Byline or tag line, the important thing is the newspaper acknowledges the reporter responsible for gathering the facts and putting them into news format. That recognition of authorship is dear to the reporters; it makes up for whatever frustrations they may have about their paychecks.

If a news report (or what appears to be one) does not bear a byline or tag line, chances are it is a press release. Or a prepared statement or story submitted by the person or office that is the subject of the report. Ideally, press releases should be clearly identified as such to put the readers on notice about their origin. But this procedure is often overlooked due to deadline pressures.

Editorial

The interpretation of the events subject of news reports is the domain of the Opinion section, or editorial page, as it is commonly known. It's here where the newspaper, through its editorials, and the columnists give their comments or opinion about the things happening around the country or any place in the world.

The INQUIRER's editorials are written by a select group of in-house writers. Because the editorials represent the newspaper's stand on an issue, the writers often consult with each other first before they write.

It is not unusual, however, for some members of the editorial staff to disagree or take a divergent position from that stated in the editorials. Such differences in opinion are expected because the editors are trained to think critically and not simply accept without question everything that is told or fed to them. But at the end of the day, the responsibility for the editorials lies with their writers.

With regard to columnists, the INQUIRER gives them as much leeway possible in writing their articles. The editors will exercise their pruning authority only if they go beyond their assigned area of expertise, or their articles contain libelous materials, or they violate the newspaper's rules on grammar and syntax.

Because the columnists do not clear their articles with the editors nor do they consult with their fellow columnists prior to giving their comments, it is not uncommon for some columnists to take positions opposite those of the newspaper or other columnists. It's up to the readers to decide whom to believe or agree with it.

Incidentally, even if the views of a columnist do not reflect, directly or indirectly, those of the newspaper, when the columnist is sued by an aggrieved party for libel, the newspaper is inevitably included in the complaint sheet. Why? The defamatory material would not have been read by the public had the newspaper not allowed its publication.

Advertisement

Advertisements are paid publications. Without them, newspapers will be hard pressed staying in operation. Subscriptions represent less than one-third of the revenue of the newspaper.

Advertisements promote the patronage of products and services. Lately, advertisements have been used to espouse or advance certain objectives or call the government's attention to particular social or political causes.

Like photos, advertisements provide the necessary breaks in pages filled with black ink. The more colorful the advertisements are, the more they are able to attract the readers' eyes which, hopefully, would translate into their buying or using the advertised goods or services.

Not content with the traditional format of advertisements, the advertisers have come up with advertorials (a combination of the words "advertising" and "editorial"). These are advertisements made in the form of news reports.

Often placed near or beside the advertisement itself, advertorials start off like any other news story and then, somewhere in the middle or near the end, they describe the features or the product or services being advertised. Unless the advertorial is read closely, the reader gets the impression that it is a credible news report.

Of course, the underlying subliminal message is for the reader to patronize the product or service being advertised.

Some people think advertorials are deceptive and should therefore be disallowed. The INQUIRER believes, however, that given the level of intelligence of its readers, it is fair to assume that they can easily discern the difference between a news report and an advertorial.

The jury is still out on whether advertorials are as effective as the standard advertisements that the readers have become accustomed seeing in the newspapers.

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Because, this is home

LAST Sunday's "What drives Filipinos to migrate?" really had an impact on me because it touched a chord as I am now facing the same issue. I keep on hearing, "I wanna get out of here (the Philippines)" from almost everybody I know. One of my friends is so determined to go to the States because she feels that our country is hopeless and that she has no future here. When I asked her what happened to our dreams of helping alleviate poverty in the country, she told me that this is not the time to be idealistic anymore.

At some point, I agree with her because there are so many problems that our country is facing and it seems like it's increasing in number day by day. The idea of having a promising future here is unthinkable, let alone imagining a future for possible children of my own. It seems to me that when you can spare the money to start anew in another country, then you might as well go.

The idea of leaving for good is so tempting but I can't help but remember those countless essays I have written since grade school on how I will respond to the famous line, *"Ang kabataan ay ang pag-asa ng bayan."* So when I am asked what my plans are for the future because one year from now I'll be graduating from college, I tell them that I hope to gain work experience or continue my studies abroad and then come back here armed with the knowledge and skills I have gained there. I answer this way because of my apprehensions of an uncertain future running alongside my idealistic dream of helping my country.

I know that our country's situation might improve in the years to come but it will still be much behind the countries we consider as ideal and promising. Oh, and we can gripe and fuss about problems like traffic in the city and dirty streets but in spite all these things, *balikbayans* say that they're still willing to come back here. Why? Because this is home!

—FAY ANGELA S. IBAÑEZ, 10 Jade St., Sta. Perpetua Village, Tandang Sora, Quezon City

Is your HMO any good?

I CONCUR with Dr. Ed Clemente on his opinion on HMOs as mere money-making businesses. I have likewise been a victim of an HMO system. This is for the average HMO patient. When can one be fairly certain that an HMO is more concerned with money considerations primarily?:

1. When your HMO's in-house "specialist" recommends a less expensive test instead of the more expensive one which is more sensitive and has been accepted in clinical practice, medical textbooks and foreign literature.
2. Your HMO doctor hesitates to request laboratory tests.
3. All the laboratory tests that your in-house HMO doctor requests can be done in-house.
4. When your HMO keeps on insisting that you see the in-house "specialist." If he is not available, you are told to come back on the specified clinic time.
5. When your HMO hesitates to refer you to an "outside" specialist, even to one who has been accredited by your HMO or even one you have been seeing before.

When you are an HMO patient there is no patient-doctor relationship. What you have is an artificial one, more like a client-serving-client relationship with the HMO as the common factor. Hence, there are times when HMO patients are treated as second-class citizens and doctors are treated like employees of the HMO. When the patient litigates, the HMO can never be sued because of a clause in the contract. HMOs are surely a bad proposition.

—REDENTOR ENSTINO, enstino@yahoo.com

LETTERS

Another reason why·RP is ideal

IN A COUNTRY where "majority rules," every cry-baby group ever invented seems to be running the show. The first of three prime examples comes from a front-page lead in the INQUIRER on June 21, 2002.

"Americans too fat to fit into one airline seat (being forced by some US carriers to buy two seats instead, so their bodies won't "spill over" into their neighbor's lap), are crying "not fair." And they'll win.

"Imports" who can't speak a word of English are complaining in Spanish, Russian, Arabic—you-name-it—that US schools have "no respect" by forcing their children to learn a foreign language (English). And they'll win.

Gays in the United States picket to convince Catholic and Baptist keepers of "the (literal) word" especially that God was just kidding when he condemned same-sex lovers to hell. And they'll win.

Things aren't perfect here in the Philippines, but the sun still rises in the east, and well, everybody's pretty friendly. Works for me.

—ELLIOTT ANDERSON, Pan-Am Clarin, Misamis Occidental

Not liable for Tuguegarao blaze

THIS letter is in response to your roundup report on Tuguegarao City, titled "Fire guts 2 stores." (PDI, 7/2/02)

In his brief report, the writer irresponsibly writes: "Witnesses said the fire started on the third floor of the House of Venus." We are infuriated by this statement! We find it insulting that the report was written that way, thus inferring that the House of Venus was responsible or liable for the fire.

The fact is that the majority of the witnesses who were there early during the fire said that the fire started on the third floor of the Paramount store, then it eventually spread to the House of Venus. Various city officials, who were the first ones on the scene, said that they saw smoke coming from Paramount's side of the building.

Unfortunately, the reporter did not do his homework as a journalist. He did not bother to interview the right witnesses. He should have located and interviewed the neighboring store owners who were there early during the fire. These store owners, especially the ones next to the House of Venus and Paramount, were afraid that the fire might spread to their establishments so they were standing in front of their stores, on guard and ready to respond to the situation. They would have been more reliable as witnesses.

—SUSAN CHUA VINZON, Stars of Venus Enterprises, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan

I agree with Ms Vinzon that I should have included in the report that witnesses gave conflicting statements as to where the fire started.

For the omission I owe Ms Vinzon an apology for the unintended inference that the House of Venus was the one liable for the blaze.

—ESTANISLAO T. CALDEZ, correspondent, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Unofficial but reliable count

IN RESPONSE to the query of Paul R. Mortel of Marikina City (PDI, 7/8/02) as to the exact number of provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays we have in the country, I wish to supply the information, having closely monitored the upsurge of new local government units in the country since 1998.

To date, we have 16 administrative/political regions; 79 provinces; 114 cities; 1,495 municipalities; and 41,945 barangays.

—ALBERT C. LIM, Unit 64-D Villa Ortigas II, Boni Serrano Road, Valencia 1112 Quezon City

More plausible explanation of Ople's actions

I THINK it is grossly unfair to label Sen. Blas F. Ople, as Amando Doronila did (PDI, 7/8/02), calling him "an opportunist masquerading as a statesman." What is closer to the truth is Conrado de Quiros' view (PDI, 7/8/02) that with Ople as foreign secretary ours would be "still foreign policy." This assessment becomes evident the moment Washington's hand in the selection of our foreign secretary is factored in the discussion.

An incident in my association with Ople, which I am revealing for the first time, is material. On Aug. 3, 1978, I visited Ople at his office as labor minister and asked him what birthday gift I should prepare for Felixberto Olalia, our common friend, for Aug. 5, Olalia's birthday. It was about 7 p.m. He turned his swivel chair to face me and said: "I am not joining you to Bert's place on Aug. 5. Starting today, I have made up my mind to join the mainstream."

I worked with Ople in and out of government from 1958 to 1980, starting with the nationalist and pro-people National Progress Movement. Since Aug. 3, 1978, on all issues which confronted the nation, he has always identified himself with the mainstream—in other words, with the ruling, US-directed interests in this country.

In 1980, when Washington sought my removal as deputy labor minister and chair of the Philippine panel in the RP-US joint committee administering labor relations in US military bases in the Philippines, Ople kept quiet and let me go. In 1987, Washington had a hand in handpicking Ople, Marcos' special emissary in Washington during Edsa I, as a member of Cory Aquino's Constitutional Commission. In 1991, citizen Ople testified for the retention of the US bases in the Philippines. In 1995, Senator Ople sponsored the Philippine accession to the World Trade Organization based on the fiction that ours was a closed economy. In 1999, Ople campaigned and voted for the ratification of the Visiting Forces Agreement.

America's war on terror is now President Bush's central strategy for (1) capturing the majority in the American Senate and completing Republican domination of US politics, (2) recovering from America's stubborn recession, and (3) projecting American power all over the world. In Southeast Asia, the Philippines is America's chosen base in the pursuit of Bush's war.

Having anchored her interim presidency and reelection in 2004 on her all-out support for Bush's war on terror, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has opened this country to America's unlimited military presence. She has allowed the Balikatan, extended and expanded it, signaled her readiness to accept the Military Logistics Support Arrangement and manifested support for the rapidly emerging US response to the rise of a Pan-Islamic Movement in Muslim Indonesia and Malaysia. Vice President Teofisto Guingona is not really opposed to these, but having voted against the US bases in 1991 and against the VFA in 1999, he cannot readily say yes to them.

What Washington and President Macapagal need at this crucial moment in Bush's war on terror and Ms Macapagal's preparation for 2004 is an Ople who will say yes to the war's rapid twists and turns with the ease and promptness of a tried and tested mainstreamer. This is not opportunism; this is loyalty to the mainstream.

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The WORLD

Editor **Luverne B. Gueco**

Islamic rebels kill 27 Hindu civilians

JAMMU—At least 27 people were killed in Indian Kashmir after gunmen dressed as Hindu holy men sprayed slumdwellers with bullets as they crowded around a television to watch a cricket match, police said on Sunday.

Among those slain in Saturday's attack were 13 women and a child. It came on the anniversary of a 1931 incident in which police fired on, and killed, dozens of protesters demonstrating against a Hindu princely ruler.

The attack, which threatened to stoke tension between nuclear-capable foes India and Pakistan, comes ahead of a planned late-July visit to the region by US Secretary of State Colin Powell, whose efforts recently helped pull the two countries back from the brink of war.

Police said 24 residents of the mainly Hindu shantytown in Jammu, the winter capital of India's northern state of Jammu and Kashmir, were killed outright by the five gunmen clad in saffron robes. Three others died later of their wounds.

Many of the victims had been watching live coverage of a cliffhanger one-day cricket international between India and England in London.

"Three people have died in hospital," a police official said. Another 28 people were still being treated for wounds, eight in critical condition.

Since 1989, a Muslim separatist revolt has raged in Kashmir, the only Muslim-majority province in mostly Hindu India.

Police said they suspected a Pakistan-based militant group, Lashkar-e-Taiba, of carrying out the Jammu attack. Indian authorities consider this the most ruthless of the groups fighting for Kashmir's independence or merger with Pakistan.

None of the dozen-odd separatist groups has so far claimed responsibility.

Police said troops had been stationed in the slum area but had abandoned the search for the gunmen.

The raid was expected to increase friction between India and Pakistan, which came to the brink of war after a raid in May on an Army camp in Indian Kashmir that New Delhi blamed on separatist guerrillas backed by Pakistan.

Tensions eased last month after Islamabad bowed to intense US-led diplomatic pressure and pledged to stop guerrillas crossing the porous border into Indian Kashmir.

The two nations have massed a million men along their border since a December attack on the Indian parliament which New Delhi also blamed on Pakistan-based separatists.

Indian analysts had given a warning that any new attack could prompt Indian military retaliation, although officials said privately there would be no "knee-jerk" response.

Officials said Home (Interior) Minister L.K. Advani planned on Sunday to visit the site of the raid in Jammu, the mainly Hindu portion of the state. *Reuters*

AN INDIAN slum dweller cries next to her child in a hospital ward in Jammu following a grenade attack by militants in India's restive Kashmir region. REUTERS

US warplanes strike Iraqi defense facilities

TAMPA— US warplanes bombed Iraqi air defense facilities on Saturday after coalition aircraft patrolling a "no-fly" zone in the south of the country came under fire, the US military said.

In Baghdad, an Iraqi military spokesperson said seven people were wounded when US and British warplanes struck civilian targets in the south of the country. The spokesperson also said anti-aircraft missile defenses might have hit one of the attacking Western warplanes.

In a statement released from its headquarters in Tampa, Florida, the US Central Command said the warplanes used precision-guided weapons to strike Iraqi air defense facilities in response to Iraqi attacks on coalition aircraft. The site was targeted because it helped direct the Iraqi attacks against the coalition warplanes, according to the statement.

In London, a spokesperson for Britain's Ministry of Defence said none of its aircraft were involved in the incident.

US and British jets patrol no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq set up by Western powers after the 1991 Gulf War.

The incident was the latest in a long series of tit-for-tat exchanges in the no-fly zones.

The zones, which the Iraqi government does not recognize, were imposed to protect Shiite Muslims in the south and a Kurdish enclave in the north from possible attack by government forces. *Reuters*

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Israelis capture bomber

JERUSALEM—Israeli troops captured a Palestinian would-be suicide bomber after he opened fire at a military patrol conducting searches outside a Palestinian village near the West Bank border, the Army said on Sunday.

"The terrorist fired at Army jeeps outside Anin village but the soldiers subdued and interrogated him," an Army spokesperson said. "He led them to a bomb-belt he had hidden close by, and we believe, was planning to detonate later in Israel."

The incident late on Saturday night put central Israel in a high state of alert, a reminder of violence still simmering despite a near-total Israeli military closure of the West Bank and curfew on hundreds of thousands of Palestinian residents.

Israeli media reports said the gunman had intended to disguise himself as an Israeli soldier and travel to the northern Israeli city of Afula, where he would open fire and then blow himself up.

Jihad Kabalan, commander of paramilitary border police in northern Israel, said the gunman first entered an Israeli Arab town looking for transportation before heading back toward the West Bank and firing at the military patrol.

"He went to (the Israeli Arab town of) Umm el-Fahm and asked taxi drivers to drive him, but they refused," Kabalan told Channel Two television. "It was apparently supposed to be a big attack, involving shooting and suicide."

In the Gaza Strip—where, as in the West Bank, Palestinians are waging a 21-month-old uprising for independence—militants fired five mortar bombs at a Jewish settlement, hurting no one, the Army said. An Israeli armored column later scoured the nearby Palestinian town of Deir al-Balah.

Prospects for a diplomatic breakthrough were dim.

Israel delayed indefinitely on Saturday a meeting with Palestinian ministers to ease security and economic restrictions on Palestinians. An Israeli political source said the decision was made because of Israel's "technical" misgivings.

"There needs to be more consultation and preparation. We need to be clear the (Palestinian) Authority is making reforms and that we are not giving additional incentive to (Palestinian President Yasser Arafat) to do nothing," the source said.

There was no immediate comment from Palestinian officials, who agreed with the Israelis on Tuesday to hold meetings after breaking the ice at their first high-level talks in months.

In a statement published by a Palestinian news agency, the Palestinian leadership called on Palestinians "to stop any actions that target civilians" in the revolt, which erupted in September 2000 after peace talks on statehood stalled.

Israel and the United States have demanded Arafat to carry out reforms and crack down on "terror" before there can be progress towards a political settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has also made clear he will never talk with Arafat, whom he considers a "terrorist". *Reuters*

Most Taiwanese set to stop invasion

TAIPEI—About 75 percent of people polled in a survey said they would stand and fight for their country's survival should China invade the island, according to media on Sunday.

The survey of 1,107 individuals was conducted Monday through Wednesday by the private Chinese Association for Eurasian Studies, the Central Daily News said Sunday.

"The survey suggests the determination of Taiwan people in safeguarding their homeland," said Chen Ming-tung, vice chair of Taiwan's China policy decision-making body, the Mainland Affairs Council.

However Chang Jung-kung, an official from the major opposition Kuomintang (KMT), warned the government of the pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) not to misinterpret the signal from the survey.

The comprehensive support "does not mean the government can do whatever it wants," Chang said in a thinly veiled warning against any independence attempt.

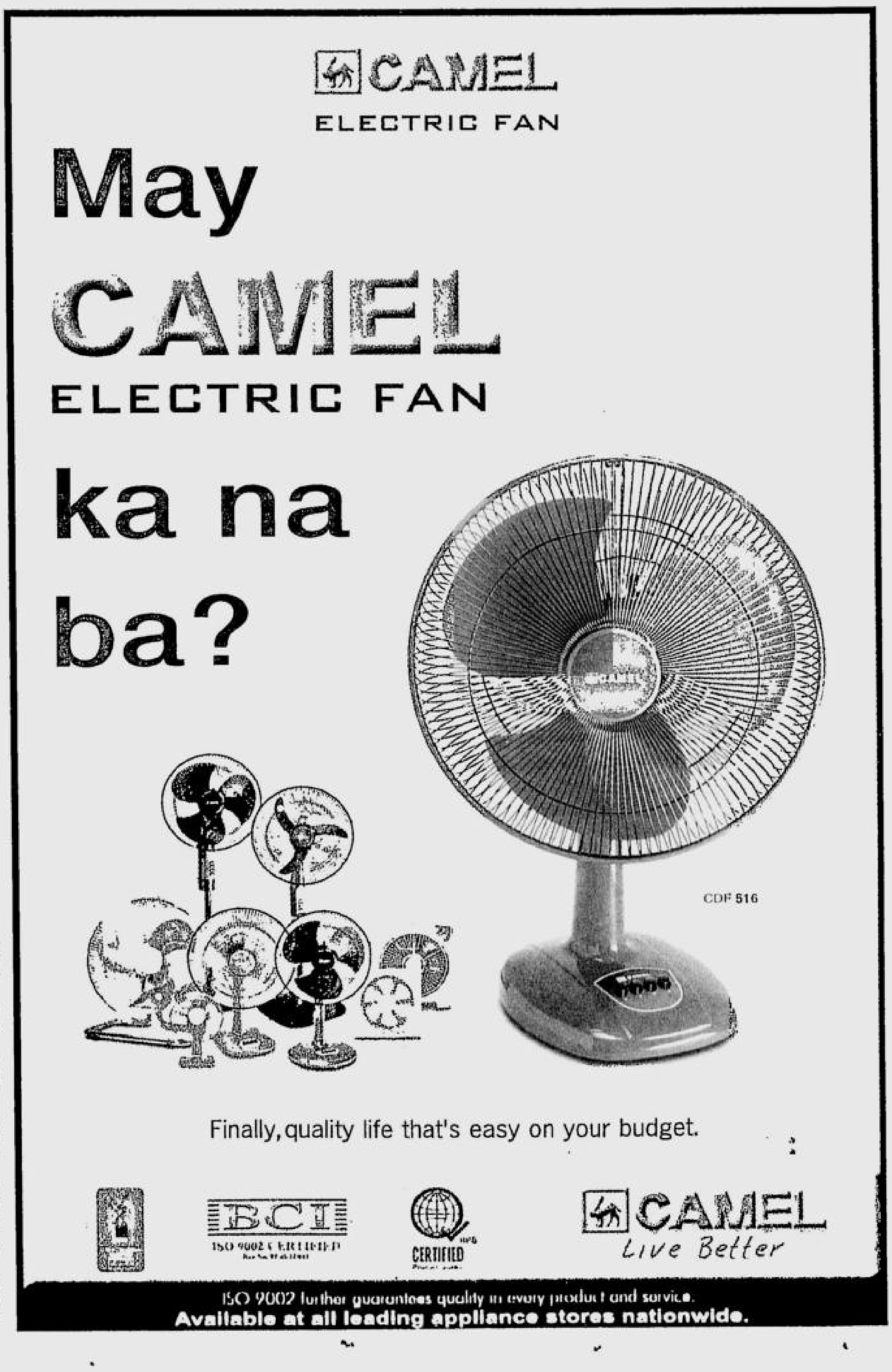
He also reminded the government of the support being eroded after the DPP seized the power in 2000.

A similar survey done in 1998 indicated that 88 percent of the respondents said they would fight for Taiwan.

The former KMT government had said it wanted eventual reunification with the mainland on condition of equity and democracy.

In a report made public by the Pentagon Friday, the United States for the first time called into question China's commitment to a peaceful resolution of its differences with Taiwan, which Beijing regards as a renegade province.

Beijing has routinely threatened to take the island by force should Taiwan declare formal independence. *AFP*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Model supersonic jet explodes in air

THE ROCKET that carried the next generation supersonic model aircraft explodes on impact after it crashed into the desert at the Woomera rocket range in outback Australia on July 14. RETUTERS

AUSTRALIA— A scale model of a Japanese supersonic jetliner exploded shortly after it was launched Sunday on the back of a booster rocket and crashed into the central Australian desert, witnesses said.

The disastrous end to the first test of Japan's National Experimental Supersonic Transport, or NEXST, came just seconds after its take-off from the Woomera rocket testing range.

Nobody was injured in the crash as both the rocket and the model plane were unmanned.

The Japanese government-funded project aims to build a plane that would fly at twice the speed of sound, with the supersonic boom reduced to the rumble of a Boeing 747. It would fly twice the distance of the Concorde and seat three times the passengers.

After the rocket climbed to about 100 meters, it turned over and began spiraling erratically through the air before slamming into the ground and exploding, witnesses at the test site said.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known. The Japanese team responsible for the test did not immediately comment but were expected to give a press conference later Sunday.

The launch had been postponed several times because the wind was too strong in the desert.

The 11-meter model was to have ridden piggyback on the booster rocket to a height of 20 km at a speed of 2,450 kph.

After performing a barrel roll, the booster was supposed to release the model, which would glide to earth in a 14-minute flight to test its automatic flight systems.

It was not immediately clear what effect the crash would have on a further three tests planned for later this year to test the model's aerodynamics, which were developed through computer simulations seeking to cut the noise of supersonic flight in half.

In phase two of the $200-million project, 20 tests under powered flight have been set to begin in late 2005. The project is being run by Japan's National Aerospace Laboratory.

Boeing Co., which is developing its own "Sonic Cruiser" — designed to fly at just under the speed of sound — was eagerly awaiting the results of the Japanese project.

Wade Cornelius, Boeing's vice president for global strategy said a successful test could lead to some cooperation between Boeing and the Japanese team. *AP*

WORLDBRIEFS

Tibetan scholar freed

BEIJING—A Tibetan teacher believed to be China's longest-held political prisoner arrived in the United States on Saturday, freed nine years early from a prison sentence on medical grounds after months of intensive negotiations with a leading US human rights activist. It was the sixth release of a Tibetan political prisoner since January, a monitoring group said. Tanak Jigme Sangpo, 74, arrived in Chicago from Beijing on Saturday afternoon — Sunday morning Beijing time — in "pretty good health" despite serious high blood pressure and coronary disease, said John Kamm, president of the San Francisco-based Duihua Foundation. He said Jigme Sangpo was "frail but mentally sharp." Kamm attributed the release to China's post-Sept. 11 desire to bolster relations with Washington. *AP*

Pakistan red alert

HYDERABAD—Pakistani police are preparing for a violent backlash by Islamic militants ahead of the verdict this week in the trial of four men accused in the kidnap-slaying of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl. The trial has fanned the anger of Islamic militants against Pakistan's government, which many militants feel betrayed them by supporting the United States in the war on terrorism. Judge Ali Ashraf Shah is expected to deliver a verdict Monday—and police fear extremists could turn violent if he finds the defendants guilty or sentences them to hang. The trial began April 22 in Karachi but was moved to Hyderabad, about 96 km away, after prosecutors said they were receiving death threats. We are on red alert in Karachi and Hyderabad and around the province," Karachi Police Inspector Sayed Kamal Shah told The Associated Press on Saturday. "We are being extraordinarily vigilant." *AP*

World Trade victims

NEW YORK—About 800 of the victims of the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attacks are likely never to be identified, the New York City medical examiner's office said on Saturday. About 2,000 of the 2,823 believed to have been killed on Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center may be identified, Dr. Charles A. Hirsch said. This is far beyond Hirsch's early hopes of identifying half of those killed when the Twin Towers collapsed after being hit by two hijacked airliners. Last year, most experts believed that only 25 percent of the victims would ever be identified. "A number of those people don't exist in any identifiable form," Hirsch said. "A number of samples we got from the World Trade Center or transferred from Fresh Kills were subjected to high heat which destroys DNA and time has passed and time destroys the compositions of the samples," he said. Fresh Kills Landfill on Staten Island is where parts of the collapsed buildings of the World Trade Center were taken. "As you recall, those fires burned for months afterward," Hirsch said, leaving many bone samples in ashes as if they had been cremated. So far, 1,229 have been identified, or about 44 percent. Dental X-rays, fingerprints and personal belongings were helpful for many of the positive identifications, but now Hirsch and his staff rely mainly on DNA analysis. *Reuters*

Thirsty and angry

ROME—After weeks of protests by southern farmers with shriveled crops and Sicilian housewives sick of piles of dirty dishes, the Italian government is promising to do something soon about a water shortage now beginning to be felt near Rome, too. Nearly every day for the last two months, Sicilian farmers have blocked roads or town squares on the dry Mediterranean Island with tractors and cows and Palermo residents have held protests, sometimes clashing with police, after seeing their faucets run dry for days on end. Rain soaked part of the south Saturday, but hail also rained down as well, only further damaging crops. While weeks of nearly always dry skies certainly haven't helped, authorities say the water shortage is largely caused by an aged, leaky water distribution system. *AP*

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National

Across the NATION

Assistant Editor **Tony Bergonia**

Gov't report says NPAs keep on using minors

DAVAO CITY—The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) in Southern Mindanao said that the New People's Army (NPA) continues to use minors in fighting against the government.

The findings were contained in a CHR report dated June 25, a copy of which was released to reporters here yesterday, about the result of an investigation of the death of six civilians in Barangay Pangyan here on April 16.

Earlier, human rights group Karapatan charged that the deaths of the civilians were plain murder.

In its charge sheet filed before the CHR, Karapatan said the civilians were attending a wedding when soldiers fired on them.

Karapatan urged the CHR to look into the killings.

But after the investigation, the government human rights watchdog terminated the case against the military.

This came about after the Tribal Supreme Council for Peace and Development in the area issued a certification that that victims' families conceded that their relatives were caught in the crossfire between soldiers belonging to the 73rd Infantry Battalion and NPA guerrillas.

Violations

CHR lawyer Rosalinda Anino-Tolosa, who wrote the report, said the NPA gravely violated laws by recruiting minors to the underground organization.

Tolosa said among these laws were Republic Act 7610 known as the Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act and the Davao City Children's Welfare Code.

Tolosa said that two of the minors captured after the Pangyan encounter admitted that they were regular NPA members.

"They were only recruited early this year to the dissident organization," she said in the resolution.

Tolosa said the CHR would be forwarding a copy of its findings to the city council, which also called for an investigation on the killings.

"The local government of Davao City, as provided by law, should take appropriate actions for the violations committed," Tolosa said.

Meanwhile, Karapatan lashed at the CHR for dismissing the murder charges against the soldiers.

Haphazard

Felixberto Calang, chair of the Karapatan for Southern Mindanao, said in a statement it was clear that the investigation was haphazardly done.

"It considered the case closed by basing its decision merely on the affidavit of desistance of certain complainants, even as Sofronita Enoc, daughter of slain farmer leader Apolonio Enoc, remains to be a complainant in the case," Calang said.

He said it was clear that the case was whitewashed.

"We have earlier sensed foul play in the withdrawal of the other complainants since the affidavits sounded more like an amicable settlement concocted by the 73rd IB," Calang said.

But Tolosa clarified that the resolution would not affect the case filed by the Enoc family against the soldiers before the City Prosecutor's Office.

Government soldiers had captured several guerrillas who are minors after encounters in different provinces. *Ayan C. Mellejor and Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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'Bongbong' poo-poohs NPA plot vs Marcoses

LAOAG CITY—The military has disclosed a threat of communist rebels to liquidate the Marcoses for their blood debt for allegedly embezzling public funds during the 20-year rule of strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

But the Marcos heirs have remained undaunted, dismissing the threat as a "standard order."

"This is something that we have known for a very long time . . . This is a standard order. We have always been targets," Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. told reporters here on Wednesday.

The military said it had uncovered the alleged threat from papers seized from communist rebels during a raid last month on a suspected New People's Army hideout in Cabugao, Ilocos Sur.

A military spokesperson said the papers supposedly revealed another political assassination plot against Governor Marcos and his sister, Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos.

But the papers did not mention which NPA unit would carry out the plot.

The military officer said the plot also included Ilocos Norte Vice Gov. Windell Chua and Ilocos Norte Rep. Roque Ablan, Jr., a long-time Marcos ally, as targets.

The young Marcos said the military and the police had cautioned the Marcos children since four years ago that communist rebels were planning to assassinate them.

He said the assassination plot was disclosed in a report contained in a compact disc seized from the rebels. The report included an order from the Communist Party of Philippines' central committee to rebels in Northern Luzon to pounce on the Marcoses.

"We take it very seriously. I am sure they (rebels) will pursue the order (if given a window of opportunity). That would be a positive publicity material for them," Marcos said.

The military also disclosed renewed NPA activities in Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur and La Union.

The NPA, according to an Army briefing kit, was building guerrilla fronts in the three provinces with the integration of more than 500 recruits from Southern Luzon and the Bicol region.

The report also noted sightings of rebels crossing the border towns of Pagudpud, Dumalneg and Bangui in Ilocos Norte.

Last year, a former commander of the Sparrow unit under the NPA's Melito Glor Command operating in Isabela was sent here to pursue a mission order against Governor Marcos, Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson and Laoag Mayor Roger Farinas.

Daniel de la Cruz alias Ka Bogart instead surrendered to government social workers and abandoned the plan to liquidate the officials.

The Marcoses fled the country in 1986 following the collapse of the Marcos regime during the Edsa Revolution.

Charges upon charges had been filed against them for allegedly stealing hundreds of millions of pesos from government coffers but none of the charges had been successfully prosecuted in court.

The Marcoses had also been accused of sending dissenters to prison or having them abducted and summarily executed. *Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BING GONZALEZ

FAKE DOLLAR
Rogelio Perez is grilled at the 11th Regional Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) following his arrest Wednesday for possession of counterfeit dollars during an entrapment operation in Davao City.

GSIS loan scam bared

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) office here has uncovered a scam involving the application for salary loan of at least 61 public school teachers.

Patricio Pingoy, GSIS branch manager here, told reporters that they have already sought the help of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) about the scam.

He said the GSIS suspected that a syndicate was behind the fraud.

Pingoy said his office found that the documents submitted by the teachers who secured loans have been tampered with.

These included service records, payrolls and pay slips.

"In their applications, the applicants occupying a Teacher I position made it appear that their salary rate was P15,700 when in fact they were just receiving about P10,800," he said.

The sad thing was that the scam was only discovered after the loan applications, filed in April, May and June, were approved.

Pingoy said that while the NBI has yet to start its investigation, the GSIS has adopted a more stringent policy in connection with salary loan applications.

"We are apprehensive there were more than 100 tampered documents for salary applications. So the GSIS is scrutinizing the applications submitted by other teachers," he said. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

MASBATE ENCOUNTER

Rebel slain in clash with Army

CAMP NAKAR, Lucena City—A suspected communist New People's Army rebel was killed on Saturday in Sitio Abaca, Barangay Nabasagan, Claveria, Masbate.

An official of the Armed Forces Southern Luzon Command based here said the rebels had expanded their extortion in the area.

A report identified the victim as one Roberto Rollon through a card found in his wallet.

The report said a patrol team from the 5th Police Regional Mobile Group led by Insp. Martin Batacan deployed to the area for election duty encountered at least 10 fully armed NPA rebels.

A 25-minute gunfight between the government troopers and the rebels ensued.

The rebels withdrew, leaving Rollon behind.

Recovered from the scene of the encounter were one M-16 rifle with three long magazines, two flashlights, one transistor radio and batteries and communist documents.

Maj. Jose Broso, Solcom spokesperson, said the guerrillas had stepped up extortion from businessmen and other individuals in the island province of Masbate.

"The present trend of a number of economic opportunities in the province provided a steady source of financial base for persons engaged in criminal activities. It is being exploited by the dissident terrorists for their expansion plan in the island," said Broso, also the AFP Civil Relations Service-Southern Luzon chief.

He identified some of the victims of the large-scale extortion as rich businessmen, political figures, local government officials, construction and shipping companies, rich farmers, fishermen and small-scale entrepreneurs.

He disclosed that officials of NPA-affected barangays, give at least P100 every three months to the communist movement.

He also said five percent of the internal revenue allotment of the village was also being given to the rebels. "Municipal mayors and those occupying higher positions are expected to give more," he said.

He also said that the NPA and some village officials in the province had entered into deals to shoulder the educational expenses of communist cadres who are enrolled in various colleges. NPA recruits come from this group of students, he said.

Some political figures also provide firearms, vehicles, safe houses, food and other supplies.

"Based on intelligence reports, teachers are required to give P30 monthly," he said.

He said the NPA also collects P1,000 for every fuel tanker that passes by its controlled territories.

"They usually use couriers in the collection of money. But for large amounts, the victims and the NPA transact through bank transfers," he said. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Palace orders mayor of gold area to stop fomenting mining violence

DAVAO CITY—Malacanang has directed Monkayo Mayor Joel Brillantes to stop implementing a cease and desist order (CDO) in the small-scale mining area in Compostela Valley to avoid further violence.

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, who was tasked to implement the President's order, also told small-scale miners in the area to stop operating their gold plants in respect of the order.

"The high issue here is to avoid trouble," Duterte told reporters.

Duterte, who is regional peace and order council chair, made the announcement when he arrived from Manila on Saturday. Duterte met with executive secretary Alberto Romulo.

Duterte warned that if the order is defied he would "enforce my hand . . . which I would not want to do because I have no quarrel with anybody."

Brillantes on Wednesday served the order on four ballmill plants of Bulbscor, BBL or G-3, Blucor and Bullex, all of Blucor Minerals Corp.

The company claimed an estimated damage to their property worth P50 million including loss of carbon-loaded gold allegedly looted by the henchmen of Brillantes. The mayor's men, who reportedly wore masks and were carrying high powered firearms, destroyed the cutting gear of the machinery.

Brillantes admitted that he had to do it to make sure that operations are stopped. But he denied that his men looted the place.

He said the miners must dismantle their equipment in 15 days.

Brillantes admitted he was wearing a bullet-proof vest and a helmet and that he had to be armed.

"As mayor, I have to protect myself," he said.

The Monkayo mayor also denied he was accompanied by "goons." He said he was with 60 policemen and members of the Task Group Monkayo.

But Elvel Poblacion, liaison officer of Blucor, said the mayor was like going to war. *Ayan C. Mellejor and Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and the Western section of Visayas will experience monsoon rains. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms. Moderate to strong winds blowing from the Southwest will prevail over Luzon and Visayas and the coastal waters of these areas will be moderate to rough.

SOURCE PAGASA

Metro Manila	Monsoon Rains	Hi 28°	Lo 23°
Baguio	Monsoon Rains	Hi 18°	Lo 16°
Tuguegarao	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31°	Lo 25°
Laoag	Monsoon Rains	Hi 32°	Lo 25°
Clark Zone	Monsoon Rains	Hi 29°	Lo 23°
Tagaytay	Monsoon Rains	Hi 27°	Lo 22°
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31°	Lo 26°
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30°	Lo 24°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31°	Lo 25°
Roxas	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 33°	Lo 26°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30°	Lo 26°
Tacloban	Partly Cloudy	Hi 34°	Lo 25°
Gen. Santos	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 25°
Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy	Hi 34°	Lo 23°
Davao	Partly Cloudy	Hi 33°	Lo 24°

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Dengue cases on the rise again in Capiz towns

By Gerry T. Pagharion
PDI Visayas Bureau

ROXAS CITY—Cases of dengue fever in the 16 towns of Capiz and this city increased dramatically from less than 100 cases at the end of June to 316 cases as of July 12.

This prompted Capiz officials to intensify their campaign against the dreaded viral diseases.

Two fatalities were reported—Julius Casugbo, 19, of Barangay Bahit, Panitan who died July 8; and Jenelyn Borres of Barangay Viscaya, President Roxas who died July 10.

Jerves Punsalan, a provincial health personnel, said the trend is alarming, as the number of dengue cases reported in the province for the whole of last year was only 123.

Children aged 5-9 years old accounted for most of the victims, or 119 cases.

The youngest patient reported was a month old. The oldest was 68 years old.

Dao town had the most cases at 71. Roxas City was second at 67.

Other towns with reported dengue cases are Cuartero, 12 cases; Dumalag, 27; Dumarao, 4; Ivisan, 4; Jamindan, 10; Maayon, 5; Mambusao, 17; Panay, 4; Panitan, 39; Pilar, 4; Pontevedra, 6; President Roxas, 17; Sapian, 7; Sigma, 13 and Tapaz, 10.

Punsalan said prevention is the most effective way to stop dengue.

Residents are advised to clean their immediate surroundings to remove the possible breeding places of dengue-carrying mosquitoes.

These mosquitoes prefer to lay eggs in clean, clear stagnant waters, like those found in flower vases and other containers.

Health officials also recommended the use of mosquito nets and screens to prevent contact with these mosquitoes.

There are four known types of the dengue virus. A person, he said, who recovers from being infected with type 1 virus can develop immunity to it but will not develop immunity for types 2 to 4.

Punsalan said it also possible for a person to be infected by dengue four times. He said that what has been noted is that severe cases of dengue usually take place after a second or third and not during the initial infection.

He said a population that has been often exposed and thus largely immune to type 3 dengue virus may be exposed to a new virus, say type 2, where most will still have not immunity to.

Dengue virus comes from *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes Albopictus* mosquitoes, which are known to breed only in clear and stagnant water and bite only in early morning and late afternoon.

Capiz had the worst dengue experience in 1998 with 683 cases and seven deaths.

The figure went down to 26 cases in 1999, then it went up slightly to 47 and to 123 in 2001. The cases leaped to 318 as of July 10 this year.

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Sandiganbayan clears 2 mayors of graft over Pinatubo projects

'Lack of probable cause' lets 2 town executives off the hook in charges of illegal use of funds

ANGELES CITY—The Sandiganbayan has dismissed "for lack of probable cause" the graft case against Mayor Carmelo Lazatin who was accused of illegally using P4.8 million intended for Mt. Pinatubo victims in 1996 when he was still a congressman.

Also acquitted by the Sandiganbayan's third division were Lazatin's co-respondents, Mabalacat Mayor Marino Morales, municipal accountant Teodoro David and municipal treasurer Angelito Pelayo.

In a resolution dated July 9, the Sandiganbayan said its evaluation of the points raised by the Ombudsman and the respondents showed that "no probable cause exists against all the accused."

The acquittal of the four officials came as a surprise for residents here and nearby Mabalacat town because the Sandiganbayan was expected to decide on the Ombudsman's earlier motion to suspend them last July 9. The hearing of the motion to suspend was originally set last May 16 but was deferred to July 9 following the court's approval of the deferment motion filed by the respondents' lawyers.

Ombudsman Prosecutor Joselito Ferrer filed the motion suspending the four officials in accordance with Section 13 of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, which states that "any incumbent public officer covered by criminal prosecution involving fraud upon government or public funds or property shall be suspended from office."

Charged

The Ombudsman has charged each of the four officials with 14 counts of malversation of public funds and violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

The Ombudsman claimed that Lazatin, who was a Pampanga congressman in 1996, was "both the proponent and implementor" of projects worth P4.8 million out of the total P12.8 million released by the Department of Budget and Management from his countrywide development fund.

It said Lazatin's act was "violative of the Supreme Court ruling that legislators can only propose projects to be funded from their CDF but they cannot implement the same."

The agency added that "with the help" of his co-respondents, Lazatin was able to convert his CDF into cash. Such act, it said, constitutes illegal use of public funds.

The four officials denied the accusations against them through their counter affidavits.

Mayors Lazatin and Morales said Wednesday that they were very happy with the court's decision to acquit them.

Truth

They said the truth had come out and that there was no malice in the implementation of the projects intended for Mt. Pinatubo victims.

On May 9, the Angeles City council sought the preventive suspension of Lazatin through a resolution endorsing the Ombudsman's motion to suspend the mayor.

LAZATIN

MORALES

All the seven opposition councilors voted in favor of the resolution defeating the votes of the mayor's four councilor allies.

Lazatin criticized the city council's move as "politically motivated."

But opposition Councilor Alex Cauguiran said the council only wanted to pursue the law about the suspension of public officials with pending graft cases.

"If there is no case, there's no suspension. He (Lazatin) better read the resolution," Cauguiran said. *Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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ELECTRICITY PRICE WATCH

POWER RATES HAVE STARTED TO DECLINE as President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's implements her 10-Point Plan to reduce electricity rates that would give relief to electric consumer.

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- INTRODUCE PRICE INCENTIVES FOR LARGE USERS OF ELECTRICITY

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Lack of info on captive Indonesians lamented

DAVAO CITY—The Indonesian government is clueless about the status of its three nationals who are being held by a band of armed men in Luuk, Sulu.

Johannes Manginsela, Indonesian vice consul general, said it has been days already since the last information on the three reached the Indonesian Consulate here.

Late last month, Consul General Bambang Pangistoe went to Sulu to get an update on the status of the hostages—Muntu Jacobus Winowata, Pieter Lierich and Julkfli—and the progress of a civilian-led negotiation for their freedom.

During his visit there, Pangistoe said he was confident that the negotiations, led by local politicians, would eventually bear fruit.

But he reiterated Indonesia's no ransom policy.

The victims were sailing from Manado and were on their way to Cebu to deliver coal when armed men reported to be allied with the Abu Sayyaf attacked them.

The armed men held four of the crew members and officers of the Singaporean-registered vessel, but the fourth hostage, Ferdinand Joel, managed to escape.

Manginsela said despite the lack of update, Indonesia was still hopeful that the hostages are alive.

He said Indonesia's concern was the safety of the hostages but it would not oppose if the Philippine government used force in rescuing the Indonesians.

"The primordial concern here is the safety of the victims," Manginsela said.

Southern Command chief Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina said the military was giving the negotiators enough time.

But he said that soldiers were on standby in case the talks bog down.

Carolina said like Indonesia, the Philippine government wanted the hostages to be safely rescued.

Last month, American missionary Martin Burnham and Filipino nurse Edibora Yap died after the military launched an offensive against the Abu Sayyaf in Zamboanga del Norte. *Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

MARCOS RULE VICTIM

Priest missing for 17 years declared dead

By Lino Gilbert K. Parone
PDI Visayas Bureau

FR. ROMANO

CEBU CITY—"We have declared him dead, but we have not forgotten. The search for justice, and for his remains still goes on."

His voice breaking, Redemptorist priest Emy Maningo, CsSR, summed up the collective sentiment of the religious congregation to which the still-missing Fr. Rudy Romano belongs.

"It is our belief that justice shall not be served until those responsible for his abduction and death are still around, but we are not vindictive," he told the INQUIRER after the Mass he and fellow priests offered for their missing colleague at the Redemptorist Church Thursday night.

The Redemptorist community and some cause-oriented groups on Thursday marked the 17th anniversary of the disappearance of the activist priest.

Maningo, the regional vocations director of the Redemptorist congregation for Visayas and Mindanao, said he and his colleagues "have already forgiven the ones responsible for Father Romano's disappearance and his death."

"But we still want to know where his remains are, so that we can give him a decent burial," he added.

The Mass, marking his 17th year of disappearance, was attended by some 20 Redemptorist priests and about 100 parishioners, friends of Romano, and a nephew, Rossel Romano Cariaso.

Maningo said he was in Romano's hometown in Villareal town Western Samar when the missing priest's father, Gaudencio, died last year.

"His 85-year-old mother Adelaida, now old and sickly, has finally accepted that her son is already dead," he said.

Maningo said he believed that the truth about Romano's death would not surface for as long as those were still alive.

"In those times, it was not after the death of Emilio Aguinaldo that stories about his being responsible for Andres Bonifacio's death started to surface," he said.

Romano was abducted with student leader Levi Ybañez on July 11, 1985 by suspected military men in Barangay Labangon this city.

Taxi driver, Andres Suson, the lone witness to the abduction had pointed to Cpl. Wilfredo "Boy" Dagatan of the Military Intelligence Group (MIG) as one of the armed men who accosted the motorcycle-riding Romano.

Suson was shot dead three years later "in mysterious circumstances" in Luzon where he was hiding. His brother also ended up dead, Maningo said.

In his homily, Redemptorist Bro. Karl Gaspar said Romano's struggles on behalf of the poor and his call for a stop to hamletting, killings, massive corruption and abuse, led those in power to abduct him, brought him to a dark place and killed him.

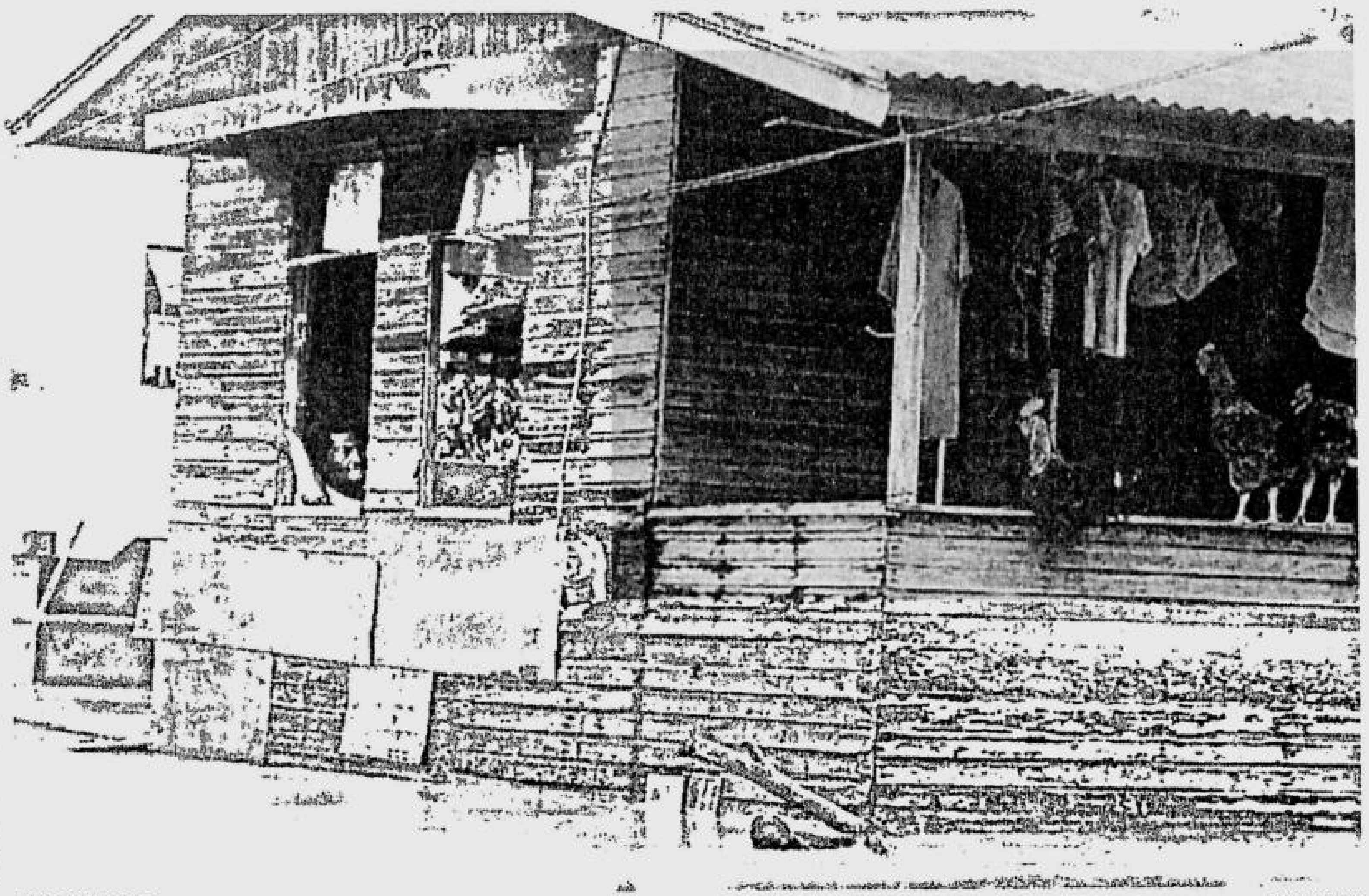
Maningo, in a statement he read at the end of the Mass, said Romano was fighting the wolves then.

"Today, the wolves are dressed like sheep. The threat of globalization has further mired the poor in poverty," he said.

During the offertory procession, Redemptorist seminarians offered pieces of rice wrapped in palm leaves and a can of sardines, symbols of Romano's closeness with the poor and their continuing struggle.

Maningo recalled that he and Romano had fond years together, working for the squatters, the workers and the poor of Cebu.

"He would have been 62 years old now. He is fondly missed. After 17 years, it still hits me here," the priest added, pounding his chest.



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ROOSTING
Chicken share a home submerged in flood in Dagupan City following heavy rains spawned by typhoons Gloria and Hambalos that brought destruction in a large part of Luzon.

Bohol execs say tourism income rising

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—The tourism industry in Bohol is on the upswing with tourist arrivals at the Chocolate Hills in the first four months this year already approximating the total arrivals last year.

"The tourism industry is certainly moving up," said Bohol provincial board member Corazon Galbreath, chair of the board's committee on tourism.

Galbreath said the declared income at the provincial government-owned Chocolate Hills Complex in Carmen town from January to April has already reached P2,066,113.40.

She said this was a "very healthy improvement" over last year's P2.4 million income at the complex.

Galbreath added that this does not actually reflect the real picture of tourism arrivals in Bohol considering that some tourists no longer visit the Chocolate Hills if they already saw it in past visits.

She also noted that the figures reported by the management at the complex did not include those for the month of May which is generally regarded as the peak season for tourist arrivals.

"I think it is safe to say that by May, we have already surpassed last year's income at the Chocolate Hills Complex," Galbreath said.

The tourism committee chair said the arrivals are expected to pick up this month due to next week's Sandugo Festival in Tagbilaran City.

She revealed that unlike those in previous years, this year's street dancing competition would have an "international" flavor.

"We will have Flamingo dancers from Spain, the Chinese dragon and the Asian Institute of Arts and Music which will present Korean, Thai and Indonesian dances," Galbreath said.

She said the foreign dancers would not be part of the street-dancing competition.

The street-dancing competition has been scheduled on Wednesday, July 17, the first time it won't be held on a Sunday.

This would allow President Macapagal-Arroyo to witness the competition, the first time for an incumbent chief of state.

Hope for literacy program kept alive in Bicol region

SORSOGON CITY—As a literacy worker, the experiences Esmeralda Bautista has gone through are not all good, but she remembers them fondly.

In a sitio in Casiguran for instance, she fell into a well on her way to her students. In the provincial jail, a riot sent her trembling with fear inside a cell together with student-inmates who were trying to protect her.

Bautista, who is the regional literacy worker awardee this year, happily shared her experiences in the provincial orientation on illiteracy eradication on Thursday, drawing praises and admiration from the audience.

"Some people ask `Why go there (provincial jail)? What's your purpose? Because all passing teachers go for formal education'," Bautista said. "But when you teach about literacy you may not want to leave."

The forum, attended by some local officials, representatives from non-government organizations (NGOs), people's organizations (POs), Department of Education (DepEd), media, and officials of the Literacy Coordinating Council was aimed to increase simple and functional literacy in the region through multi-agency cooperation.

Functional literacy means an individual can make simple calculations and understand easy reading while simple literacy means a person can read but can hardly comprehend.

Based on the 1994 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS), Sorsogon has a simple literacy rate of 96.18 and a functional literacy rate of 79.56 for both sexes.

It is third in the provincial simple literacy rate with 97.24, following Camarines Norte (98.04) and Catanduanes (97.24), and fifth in functional literacy rate with 79.38, trailing behind Camarines Norte (90.01), Catanduanes (87.01), Camarines Sur (85.97) and Albay (82.31).

Bicol is No. 7 in ranking in functional literacy rate among the country's 16 regions following National Capital Region, Southern Tagalog Region, Central Luzon Region, Cagayan Valley Region, Ilocos Region and Northern Mindanao Region, the FLEMMS also showed.

There are at least 133,000 illiterates in Bicol, according to Emely Libunao, staff director for program development of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

"The figures may not be too monstrous but it does not mean that we should sit on our laurels," Libunao said.

Bautista said most students who are mostly parents are at first hesitant to undergo literacy programs.

"They would not admit that they are illiterate, so we have to strategize," she said.

In the provincial jail, aside from the scarcity of books, the inmates' availability is an initial problem since they sometimes hide, Bautista said.

"How will you get their trust? It took me almost one month before I got their trust," she said.

Despite the hardship, Bautista said teaching literacy is not difficult. She has seen some of her students' lives changed by what they had learned.

"Money is not so important in a literacy class. We could ask for donations. (But) you should know networking and be committed as a literacy worker," she said.

The Asian Development Bank has funded literacy projects in selected nine towns in Bicol—Casiguran, Irosin and Sta. Magdalena in Sorsogon; Baras, San Andres, and Pandan in Catanduanes; and Cawayan Esperanza and Placer in Masbate. *Emir Gamis, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Bohol vice gov asks BI chief to probe 'troublesome' Brit

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—Vice Gov. Julius Caesar Herrera has asked Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo to investigate the alleged abuses of a British national who is residing in Pilar town, Bohol.

In a letter to Domingo, Herrera said neighbors of Guy Brindley in Barangay Estaca signed a petition complaining of the foreigner's alleged troublesome and violent behavior.

About 60 residents and barangay officials signed the petition, which they sent to the provincial board hoping that an investigation would be conducted.

Herrera said Brindley was accused of not paying his workers and of hurting his estranged wife.

The provincial board committees on peace and order and tourism had agreed to defer action on the complaints against Brindley because the case must be referred back to the Pilar municipal council.

"Without prejudice to the results of the investigations being conducted jointly by the committees on peace and order and tourism, may I request your good office to conduct its own independent probe," Herrera told Domingo.

He said an investigation by the bureau would prevent any delay on the resolution of the complaints raised against Brindley.

In a petition, the 60 Estaca residents asked the provincial board to take immediate action on Brindley whom they described as "troublesome" and "violent."

"(Brindley) is also a person who oftentimes belittle the Philippines and the Filipinos," the petition said.

The petitioners said Brindley did not seem to give courtesy and respect to the country and to duly constituted authorities.

In a late entry on Feb. 25, the police station in Alicia town recorded a complaint for physical injury against Brindley by his estranged wife, Sofia, who accused him of beating her up Feb. 10.

Gender issues hound electronics firm over e-mail 'porn' firing

BAGUIO CITY—The country's top electronics exporter is plagued by gender-related labor scandals that were ignited by—of all things—electronic mail.

A female supervisor of the multibillion-peso Texas Instruments Philippines Inc. (TIPI) sued the firm on July 4 for unfair labor practices, after she was allegedly forced to resign over an e-mail message she had sent to a female colleague.

Emily Dolormente received the e-mail message from a relative based overseas. It contained a graphic sex joke whose punch line was the photograph of a naked septuagenarian woman.

The firm's security outfit downloaded the message by opening the personal e-mail account of Cres Mata, Dolormente's subordinate, who was the green joke's recipient.

Mata was not present when the "e-mail extraction" took place, a TIPI employee said.

TIPI then "used" this e-mailed "pornographic" joke as leverage to force Dolormente into retiring, according to a witness' testimony obtained by her lawyer.

TIPI general manager Norberto Viera did not issue any statement to rebut or explain the suit, despite four interview attempts made by the INQUIRER.

"His decision is we will not issue any comment about the incidents," the firm's telephone operators told the INQUIRER.

But Dolormente's case had already triggered legal action and support from gender rights advocates, according to Della Fronda, another employee who sued the firm over a similar case.

Women represent about 98 percent of TIPI's work force. This gave a gender rights color to the labor issues facing TIPI, said Lyn Madalang, executive director of the Ebgan Inc., a gender rights group.

Fronda said TIPI is facing labor cases involving women who were allegedly forced to resign over minor infractions.

The complainants presented "horror stories" about the firm's work policies in a press conference last week.

A complainant claimed that TIPI had increased the man to machine ratio of employees assigned to the firm's operations division. This forced employees to move around without rest for 7.2 hours of a typical eight-hour workload, the complainant said.

Fronda herself was prompted to retire from the TIPI engineering department, months after she was supposedly sidelined from developing a company management systems program that was getting good reviews abroad. *Vincent Cabreza with a report from Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Councilor held after drug raid

CEBU CITY—A councilor of Tabogon, Cebu was arrested on Thursday after he was allegedly caught possessing 25 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu during a police raid.

But Pacifico Manloloyo, 31, said members of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) planted the five small packs containing shabu.

Chief Insp. Ritchie Posadas, CIDG deputy chief for Central Visayas, said Manloloyo sold illegal drugs in the northern towns of Tabogon, Borbon, Bogo and San Remegio.

During the raid, police allegedly seized the shabu placed in a film box. *Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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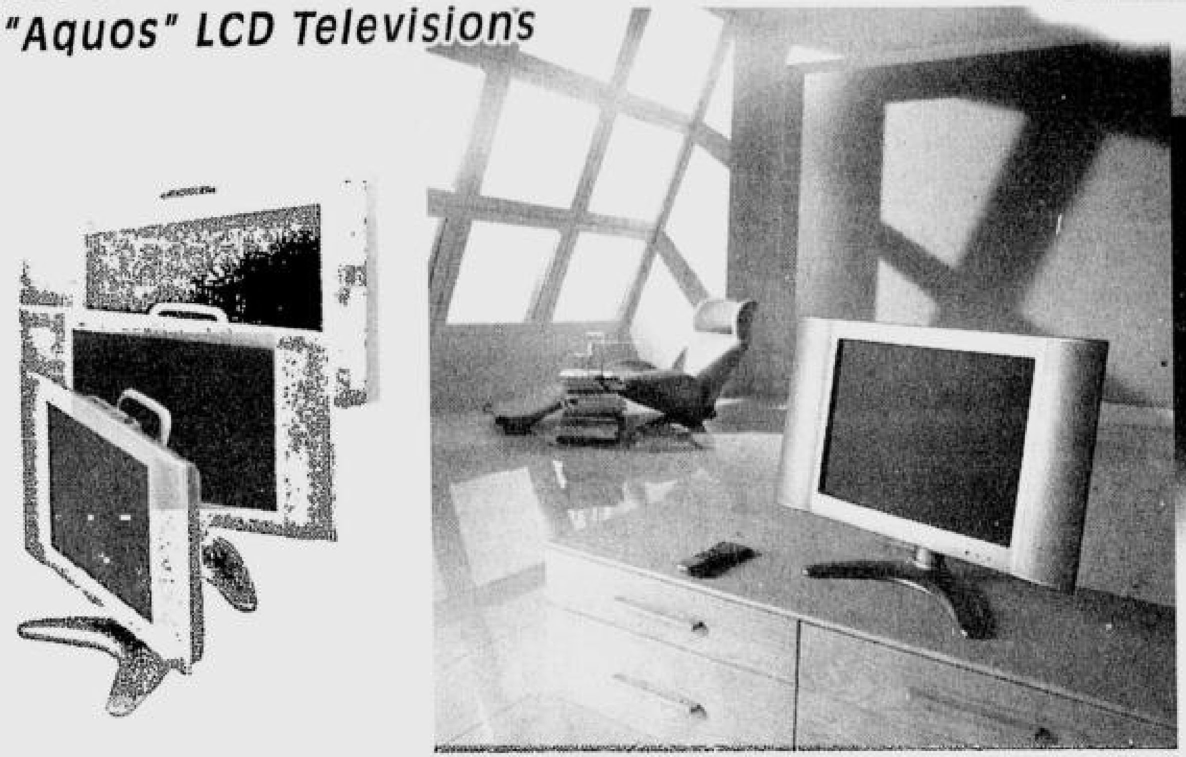

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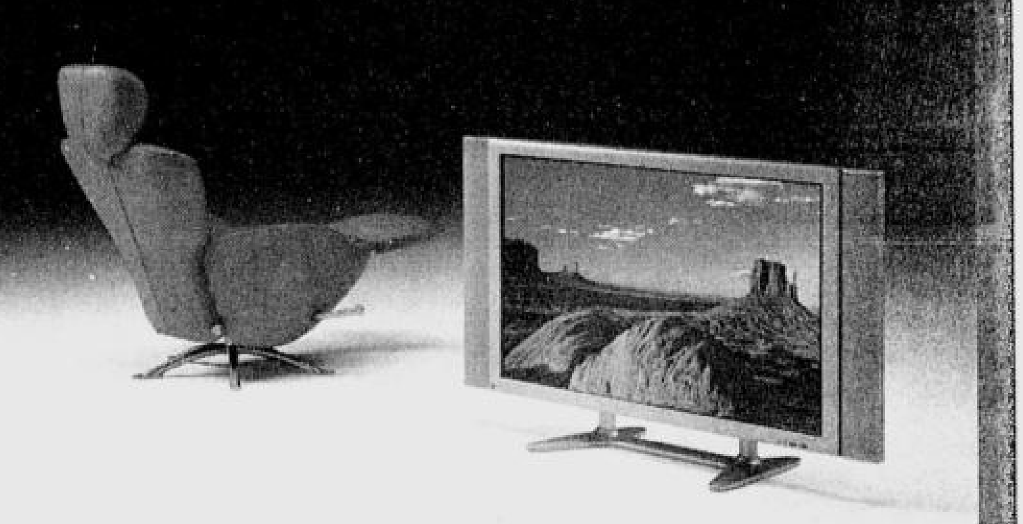

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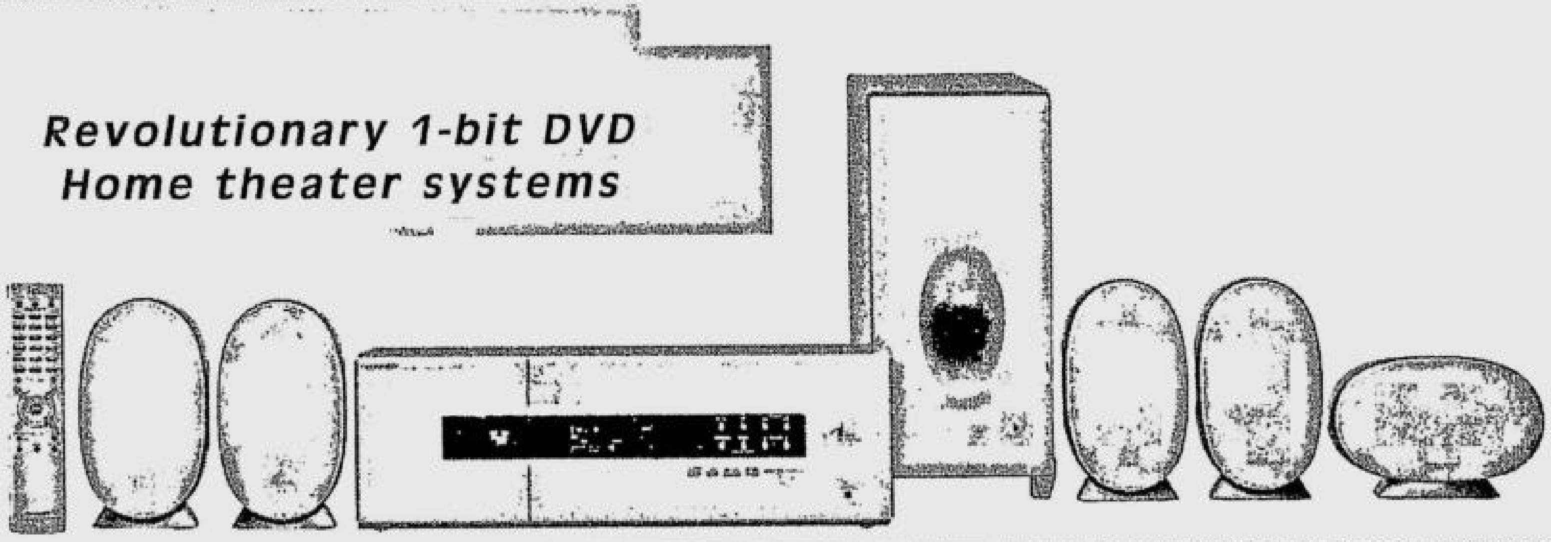

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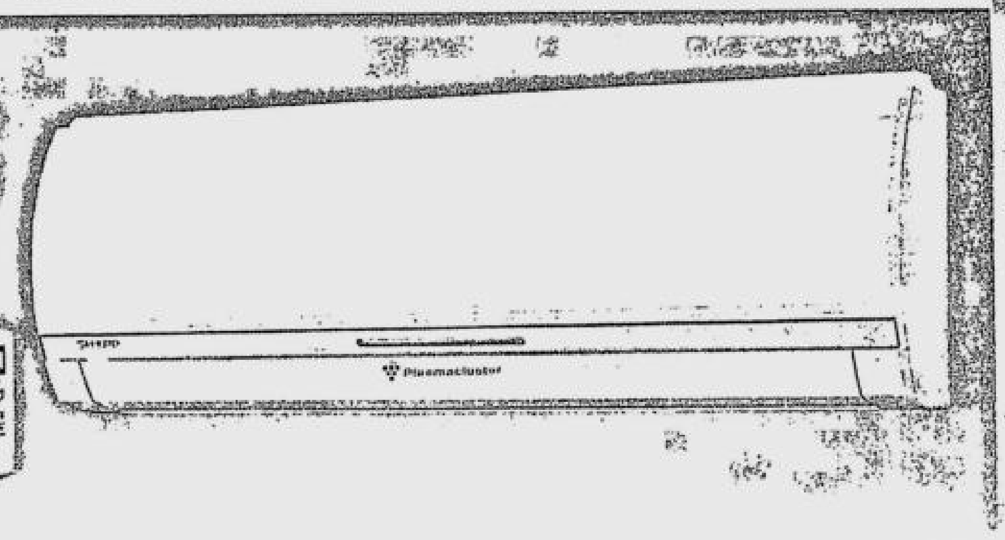

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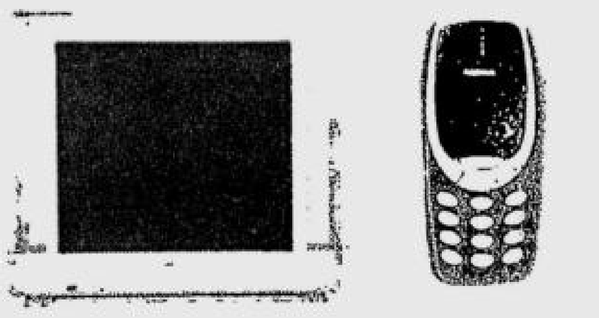

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Bishops back GMA, blame opposition

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came under fire recently for mishandling Vice President Teofisto Guingona's resignation from the Cabinet and recruiting political operators associated with deposed President Joseph Estrada.

"Right now, it would seem to me that the best option for the country is for President (Macapagal)-Arroyo to finish her term and be allowed to succeed without nitpicking by the opposition and by some sectors of media, and without needless political infighting," Quevedo said.

While supporting Edsa II, which ousted Estrada in January 2001, the CBCP has also taken issue with some of the Macapagal administration's policies, including its decision to apply the death penalty.

Political compromises

Quevedo blamed the opposition for starting a political problem by grabbing power in the Senate, causing what he called a "weird arrangement" in the upper chamber. This gridlock has led to the political compromises that the administration was compelled to make, he said.

The CBCP also scored leftist groups and some "small but vocal" civil society organizations for fanning the political problem to make it appear as if it were a national crisis and not just a political dilemma.

Quevedo said the falling out between the militant left and some civil society groups with the administration was also due to their different agenda.

He mentioned the Council for Philippine Affairs, "whose allegiance to the ... administration from the very beginning has always been suspect since they have their own agenda."

Last week, Copa secretary general Pastor Saycon broke off his ties with the President, claiming that Ms Macapagal has been sleeping with the enemy to advance her political objectives. He has since sounded a more conciliatory note. ***(See related story on Page A1.)***

"By and large, the people lay the blame at the door not of President (Macapagal)-Arroyo but at the door of the members of the political opposition in the Senate," Quevedo said.

"They are perceived, as in the impeachment case, as craving to assert and establish their power without regard for the common good," he added.

Quevedo admitted that there was widespread dissatisfaction in the country because of economic problems, but said that the dissatisfaction and hopelessness were not caused by the Macapagal administration alone.

He said the despair was the result of unfulfilled promises and expectations since the Marcos era, although the abuses and corruption during Estrada's term had stirred public outrage.

"I do not see any grave national crisis that would seriously destabilize the Macapagal administration," Quevedo said.

Eroding popularity

The President has faced rising dissent and eroding popularity over a wave of kidnappings as well as her pledge to honor power supply contracts previous administrations had signed with private power producers, which have driven up electricity costs.

Her public approval rating slipped to 42.6 percent last month, compared to 48 percent in March.

Commenting on the protest actions being planned by Macapagal critics, acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said: "This government has taken the initiative (with) a lot of political, social and economic reforms, and there is no possibility that another (regime-changing uprising) will happen under this administration."

In the Senate, the opposition leader behind the controversial takeover in the upper chamber last month said the opposition will not support any "extra-constitutional" means to topple the Macapagal administration.

"We will not allow an extra-constitutional route of removing a President," Sen. Edgardo Angara said.

But speaking before the 2nd Reporters and Editors Forum on Friday, Angara painted an even more dire picture. He said "political blunders" by a "weak leadership" could leave the military without any choice but to seize power.

"I see these mistakes building up ... and this will invite the military to grab power because they will see a weak leadership in government," he said.

Angara listed three "bad judgments" that he said have marred the Macapagal administration.

The first instance, he said, was when the President strongly lobbied for the passage of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira) in late May last year that triggered the rising cost of electricity through the purchased power adjustment (PPA) charges.

He did not say, however, whether he was also blaming his opposition colleagues, including Senators Aquilino Pimentel, John Osmeña and Sergio Osmeña, who were instrumental in the law's passage.

The second "bad judgment" was the "mishandling" of the resignation of Vice President Teofisto Guingona as foreign secretary.

Angara noted that "the manner by which (Guingona) was sacked indicates a defect in judgment, if not a show of emotional instability."

The third "bad judgment," Angara said, was Ms Macapagal's "borrowing binge" to shore up the country's finances.

"How is she financing the ballooning deficit? By resorting to a borrowing binge?" ***With a report from Rocky Nazareno and AFP***

Will she . . .

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the President any advice about today's Edsa Shrine activity.

Asked if her attendance was preferable, if only to demonstrate unity with Edsa forces, Afable said: "I do not know what the President's wishes are at this point."

"Besides, I do not want to give her unsolicited advice on that matter," he added.

No implications

Afable did say that Guingona's attendance will not further strain the Vice President's relationship with Ms Macapagal, because "attending a Mass has no political implications actually if they are going to Edsa and going (to) an event of worship."

"I think this is a welcome event or process in our society and whoever will be there and engage in worship, there will be no political undertones to this event," Afable said.

Marie Guingona, the Vice President's daughter, told the INQUIRER yesterday that her father would be in Misamis Oriental in the morning to vote. She then added that he would be at the Edsa Shrine to hear Bishop Socrates Villegas' homily with representatives of civil society.

"He will be in Mindanao, yes," the young Guingona said. "And he will also be at the shrine," she added.

But she said her father's schedule may still change, depending on circumstances she declined to specify.

"As of now, he is attending. But that could still change," Guingona said in a telephone interview.

But Council for Philippine Affairs secretary general Pastor Saycon maintained that Guingona would be at the Edsa Shrine. "He has confirmed to us his attendance in the Mass," Saycon said.

"We have no comment on Malacañang's announcement that he would be some place else. Let us just allow events to happen," Saycon told the INQUIRER over the phone.

No speeches

Saycon also said that neither the Vice President nor representatives of civil society groups would read any speeches at the Edsa Shrine.

"It is what we call a recollection Mass and the only one who will speak would be Bishop Soc Villegas," Saycon said. Villegas will officiate at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Saycon would not say whether Guingona would play an active role in Copa activities.

"Let us just put it this way. We see him as a beacon or rallying light of the Edsa I and Edsa II forces," he said.

No reconciliation

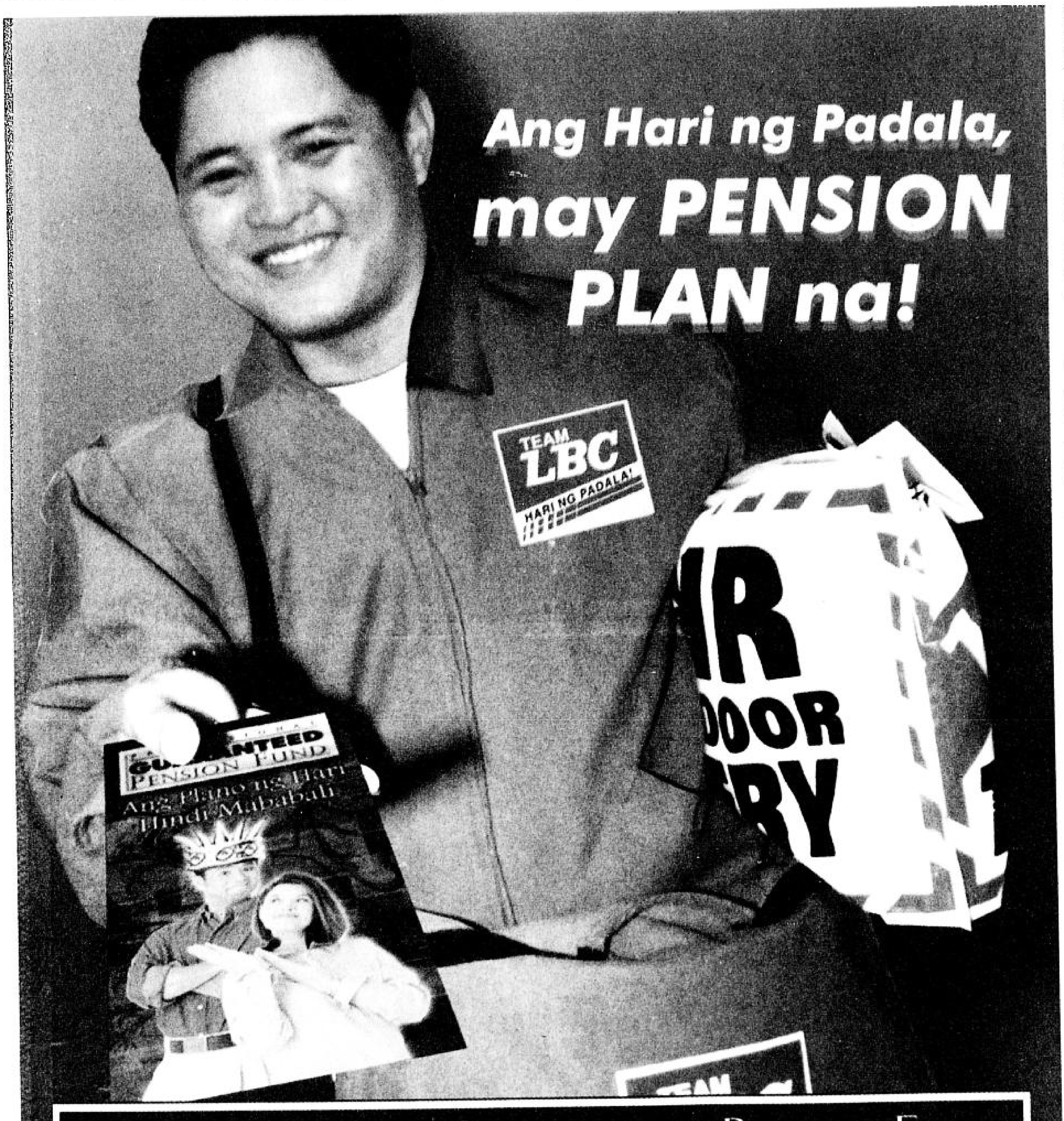
At the House of Representatives, Gonzalez said there was no need for the President to reconcile with Saycon or Copa, saying she could do without them.

"For me, there is no need (for the President) to reconcile with members of the Department of Destabilization because they can never give her comfort and this will only make them important," Gonzalez said.

The ranking congressman from the Visayas also said that there should be a demarcation line that civil society groups should observe, noting that "if you want to be friends with the President, don't expect that your advice will be taken."

Villarama, who figured in the news recently after meeting with Sen. Blas Ople in Los Angeles in an attempt to convince him to accept the foreign affairs portfolio in the Macapagal Cabinet, said there was a need to "unbundle" civil society groups, or "know the names and faces of organizations."

"In this way, we get a better picture and understanding of the situation," Villarama said. He also said Guingona's plan to attend would be a "trap."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GMA: Edsa II beneficiary not its reincarnation

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down from political impasse.

Most Asian democracies, including India with its myriad of parties, have minimized the paralysis stemming from deadlocks and their economies are growing at a better rate than ours.

Formula

Singapore and Malaysia have found a formula to avoid deadlocks and deliver economic results through a system of single, monolithic parties dominating parliament and barreling economic and social programs without too much debate. This formula is called soft authoritarianism.

Our formula for political change and reform is people power, which we have overused more than any country that deployed it—including former Eastern European client states of the ex-Soviet Union.

Today, we are pushed again to go back to people power as a recipe to end parliamentary paralysis. The backdrop against which President Macapagal will deliver her second Sona with emphasis on the theme "strong republic" is a parody of the concept of a strong state.

At the moment, she is struggling to survive the disintegration of her People Power II coalition that unseated former President Joseph Estrada.

She has gotten rid of some key elements or of that coalition—including Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., who has been eased out of the Department of Foreign Affairs over fundamental policy differences.

Many disgruntled groups have either left or have been evicted from the coalition after they have publicly disagreed with certain key decisions of the administration—noteworthy among which is the recruitment of opposition members into the Cabinet or into the government.

Copa (Philippine Council for Public Affairs) has broken away from the coalition over the issue of "sleeping with the enemy." And yet, it has not been easy for the President to sleep with Copa because it had been creating nightmares for her rather than helping her.

Copa says that its break with the administration is a move to go back to the "spirit of Edsa II." President Macapagal says that "I am the President of Edsa II and Edsa III."

Both Copa and the President are wrong. Neither can claim a patent to the spirit of Edsa. Both are spurious pretenders to the Edsa spirit.

Edsa was a people's movement outraged by the incompetence and venality of the Estrada administration.

But this movement was hijacked by "civil society" groups (including Copa) and given organizational vehicles for the articulation of grievances.

Copa, PCA

Neither Copa nor PCA (People's Consultative Assembly) can claim even to be the main drivers of mass mobilization in the Erap-resign movement.

Copa's leadership is composed of the elite and it could not even supply warm bodies to back its ferocious rhetoric against the Estrada regime. The warm bodies and the muscle were supplied by the more organized groups coming from the Left.

Even the Church-affiliated and inspired groups led by such people power stalwarts as Jaime Cardinal Sin and former President Corazon Aquino could not mobilize more than 10,000 people in Makati in the early days of the protest movement against Estrada.

It took ex-Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson's exposé on "jueteng" payoffs in November 2000 to give hard evidence on Erap's corruption to create widespread unrest.

Further, it took Guingona's "I Accuse" speech at the Senate to spark an official Senate investigation into Singson's charges and to drive it into an impeachment trial.

The President is by no means a symbol of the Edsa spirit and principles. She was one of the last important officials of the Estrada regime to join the snowballing Erap-resign movement.

Her switch has a streak of opportunism. She jumped on the bus at the right time, but if she had delayed a little longer, she would have missed it. She is a beneficiary of Edsa II—not its incarnation.

So, when she postures, "I am president of Edsa I and II," it makes me weep.

She is a parody of Louis XIV who said in the absolutist context, *"l'etat, c'est moi"* (I am the State). She does not even have the scaffolding of a strong state to stand on.

Hedger

Felipe Medalla, head of the government's economic planning body (Neda) during the Estrada administration, has an apt word to describe Ms Macapagal. She is a "hedger."

This means she postpones defining herself on critical issue until it becomes clear to her which way the wind blows.

The problem with being a hedger is that when one postpones coming to grips with a problem, it becomes more complicated and returns to you with a vengeance.

The reason "Erap-resign" allies coalesced behind Ms Macapagal is that most of them were looking for a fig leaf of legitimacy to legalize their movement. Vice President Macapagal provided it because she was the constitutional successor to the President.

The protest movement wanted a legitimation process with a cloak of constitutional legitimacy because most of them were afraid that if there was no constitutional formula, the country would plunge into civil war, prompting the military to grab power.

Thus, Ms Macapagal fit into this fig leaf of constitutionalism. It is therefore more accurate to say that Ms Macapagal is a beneficiary of the People Power II rather than the incarnation of its spirit or ideals.

Termites

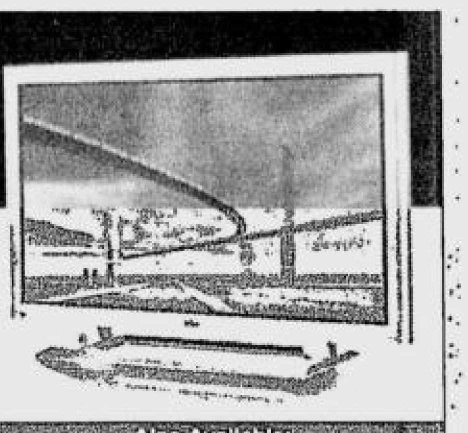
With the disintegration of the Edsa II coalition, President Macapagal has nothing to replace it with, except inviting new "termites" into the rotting edifice. This is not the way to build a "strong republic."

Going back to the streets is equally a damaging body blow to a democracy that is fragile, dysfunctional and paralyzed by stalemates.

People power is not a cure-all. It is increasingly becoming more exuberant, unstable and acquiring the properties of mob rule.

Cardinal Sin has seen through this danger very clearly. This is the reason he has banned political demonstrations on the premises of the Edsa Shrine and why he is leery of it being used again by Copa and disgruntled civil society groups as a venue for political demonstrations disguised as "prayer meetings."

The cardinal is afraid that people power will again be debased to habitually destabilize governments in order to serve narrow parochial interests.



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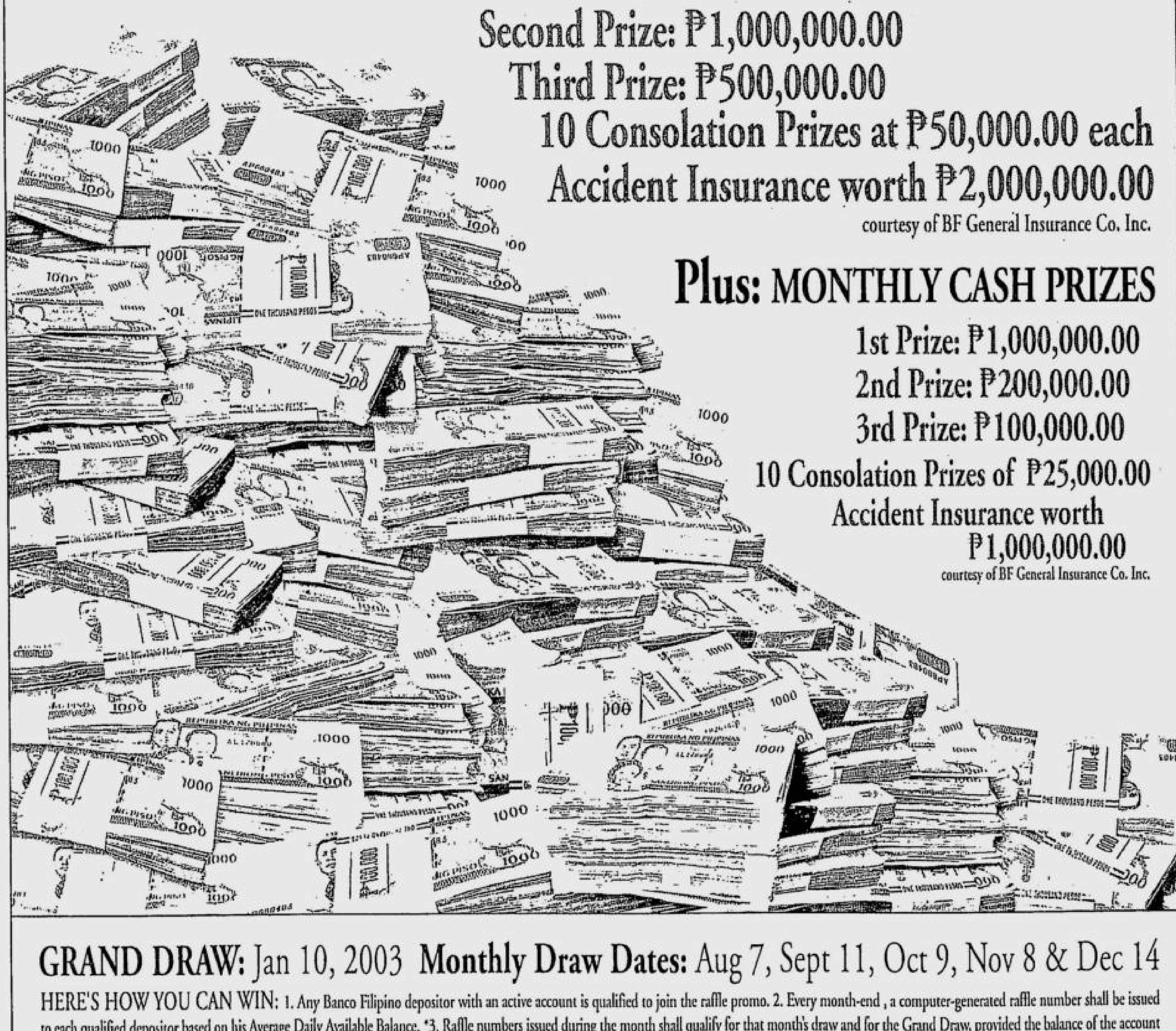

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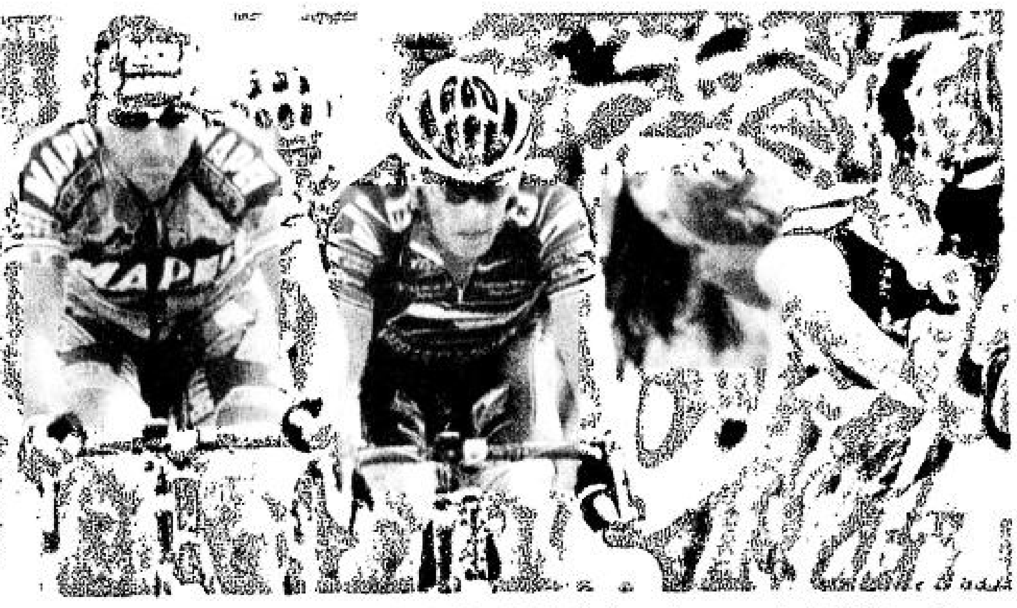

ARMSTRONG (middle)pedals alongside Andrea Tafi of Italy as they near the finish line of the 7th stage. Armstrong fell with other riders near the finish and lost 27 seconds but he remained in strong contention for the overall crown. AP

Lance figures in crash but Tour title bid unhurt

AVRANCHES, France—Lance Armstrong was a crash victim in Saturday's seventh stage of the Tour de France, but his quest for a fourth straight title appeared unscathed.

The three-time champion became entangled in a crash close to the finish, and lost 27 seconds on the stage-winner, Bradley McGee. He slipped from third to eighth place in the overall standings.

Spaniard Igor Gonzalez Galdeano retained the leader's yellow jersey, and was 34 seconds ahead of Armstrong.

"I didn't fall off the bike. I just had to put my foot down," Armstrong was quoted as saying by Jogi Muller, spokesman for his U.S. Postal Service team. "I'm fine."

The spill knocked down Armstrong's teammate Roberto Heras, whose handlebars got entangled in the Texan's back wheel.

It was unlikely that the mishap would seriously hurt Armstrong's chances of taking a fourth straight title. He won last year's race with a lead of 6 minutes and 44 seconds over his nearest rival.

The 30-year-old Texan was unruffled by the incident.

"I'm just going to have to ride faster in the time trial on Monday," he said, according to Muller. *AP*

Players laud 3 on 3 stint

WHAT do budding stars Arjun Cordero, LA Tenorio and Ronjay Enrile have in common? They were all graduates of the Nike 3 on 3 basketball championships.

For Cordero of the San Beda Red Lions, Tenorio of the Ateneo Blue Eagles and Enrile of the Letran Knights, their Nike 3 on 3 experience proved fruitful in their other basketball endeavors.

"I have developed my one-on-one plays. I got used to squeezing out of tight spots in half-court situations," said Tenorio, who used to be with San Beda, playing with teammates Marvin Balvidia and Mark Arbole.

Tenorio, who turned 19 last Tuesday and got a fitting birthday present with three pairs of Nike Zoom Flight Turbines, said his Nike experience will serve him in good stead in the 65th season of the UAAP.

The 6-foot-3 Cordero, who uses Nike Air Max, has come a long way since he and former teammates Magnum Membrere, Toti Almeda and Ervin Velasco won for San Beda the 1999 Nike 3 on 3 national finals and the Asian Championship against Malaysia that same year.

Of the three collegiate standouts, it is perhaps Enrile, who boasts of the most memorable 3 on 3 stint, having beaten Boston Celtics' super star Paul Pierce in a side-event of the 2001 leg.

BASEBALL RESULTS

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American League—Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 3, 1st game; Detroit 3, Chicago White Sox 1, 2nd game; Toronto 4, Boston 1; Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 3, 10 innings; Texas 8, Minnesota 1; Oakland 6, Baltimore 0; Kansas City 4, Anaheim 0; N.Y. Yankees 14, Cleveland 5. *AP*

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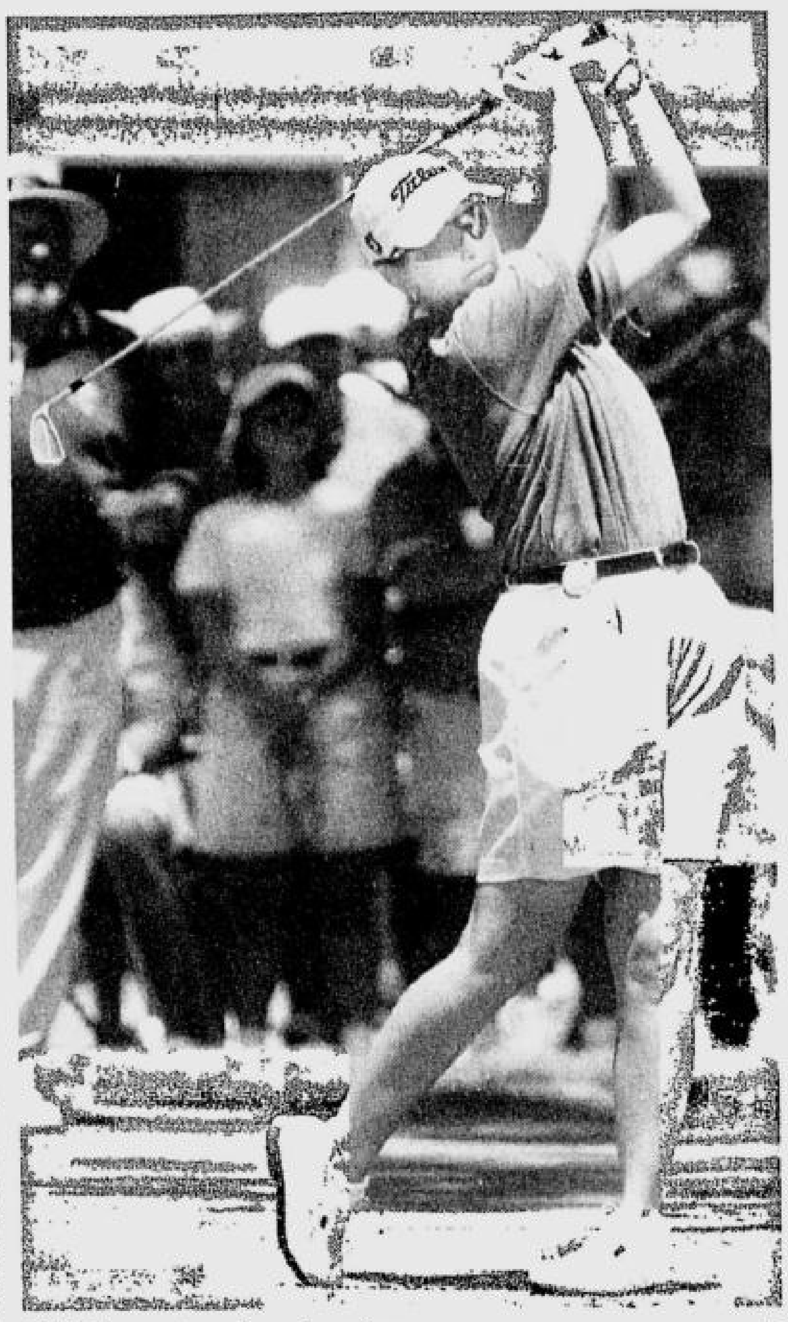
Webb, rookie share Kroger lead



WEBB: Largest roar from the gallery. AP

SYLVANIA, Ohio—Karrie Webb, who has won as many LPGA Tour events as Beth Bauer has played, shot a 5-under-par 66 to share the lead with the rookie after Saturday's third round of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic.

Webb, with 27 wins in a glittering seven-year career, jumped from being just another name on the leaderboard to the top spot with a string of four birdies on the back nine. For good measure, she hit a wedge to 6 inches on the par-5 closing hole - prompting the largest roar of the day from the gallery. When she tapped in for birdie, she had the lead to herself for the first time.

One of the brightest young players on the tour, Bauer started the day two shots behind Laura Diaz and tied for second place. Despite mounting pressure - and Webb's intimidating presence as she piled up birdies - she completed a 67 to match Webb at 10-under-par 203.

Rachel Teske, one of Webb's principal rivals back in their amateur days in Australia, shot a 64 to move a shot back at 204. Heather Bowie had a 66 and was at 205. First-round leader Diaz and Kelli Kuehne were another stroke back.

Kris Tschetter, tied for second after shooting a 65 in the first round, was disqualified when she didn't have her marker - playing partner Jeanne-Marie Busuttil - sign her scorecard. Tschetter shot a 75 in the second round.

Meanwhile, Jenny Rosales carded five-under-par 66 that ushered her into a tie for 13th with compatriot Dorothy Delasin and four others.

Already on the brink of elimination after a disastrous start that left her in 66th spot, Rosales climbed another 36 rungs up the ladder from 49th in the second round with a 209 aggregate for 54 holes.

Rosales was already five under through 10 holes but never gained a stroke in her last nine holes. She had no bogeys after hitting 15 greens.

Delasin was also at 209 like Rosales after a 69.

In a related development, veteran national player Ria Denise Quiazon upset reigning US NCAA champ Virada Nirapathpongporn in the second round on the way to reaching the quarterfinals of the Trans National championship at the Firethorn Country Club in Lincoln Nebraska.

Quiazon's 1 up win over Virada came after she beat Perry Swenson in the opening round of the match play format. The Fil-Am defeated Allison Johnson in 19 holes in the Round-of-16 before losing to Courtney Wood, 4 & 2, in the quarters. **AP**

3rd round scores:

Karrie Webb	72-65-66-203
Beth Bauer	69-67-67-203
Rachel Teske	67-73-64-204
Heather Bowie	69-70-66-205
Kelli Kuehne	71-66-69-206
Laura Diaz	70-64-72-206
Shani Waugh	70-70-67-207
Se Ri Pak	72-67-68-207
Nancy Scranton	74-66-68-208
Amy Fruhwirth	70-70-68-208
Jeong Jang	69-71-68-208
V.G. Ackerman	70-68-70-208
Jennifer Rosales	73-70-66-209
Michelle McGann	71-72-66-209
Mi Hyun Kim	70-71-68-209
Meg Mallon	73-67-69-209
Dorothy Delasin	68-72-69-209
Fiona Pike	69-70-70-209
Dawn Coe-Jones	74-70-66-210

Sluman up by 2

MILWUAKEE—Jeff Sluman fired an 8-under-par 63 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead over Steve Lowery (64) after three rounds at the Greater Milwaukee Open.

Sluman also was the leader after 54 holes last year only to card a 1-over 72 on Sunday to finish in a tie for 10th.

This time, thanks to his 54-hole GMO record 193 total, he's within range of the tournament record of minus-24. Loren Roberts carded a 260 in 2000.

Although he's in the same position, Sluman said there's no comparison to his play from a year ago, when he missed nine of 13 fairways on Saturday, making his Sunday stumble not much of a surprise.

Meanwhile, in Luss, Scotland, Fredrik Jacobson had the lead Saturday in the Scottish Open, just not the margin he wanted after an even-par 71 at Loch Lomond that let at least 10 players back into the tournament. **AP**

Eagle Ridge courses make big difference

RAINY days are here and, expectedly, golfers get choosy on their regular rounds. This is the time when mud-free, no-worry games become a necessity.

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Refuge, according to Eagle ridge project director engineer Winnie Gov, is hardly even a worry at the country's biggest golf complex in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

Eagle Ridge is a joint venture project of Sta. Lucia Realty and Alsons Land Corp. With its size, it has already taken a major role in the nation's golf tourism campaign handling foreign visitors coming by the bulk especially Koreans and Taiwanese.

The club is now preparing for its monthly tournament for Saturday, July 20 sponsored by Wilson Sports Philippines. Tee-off is shotgun style at 8 a.m. at the Dye course. More than a hundred members are expected to see action.

PBA unfair to Lang

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Manolo R. Iñigo

LEVEL-HEADED basketball fans have taken umbrage at PBA Commissioner Jun Bernardino for imposing a P50,000 fine on Batang Red Bull import Tony Lang following the recent Red Bull-San Miguel Beer tumultuous encounter which the never-say-die Thunder won, 78-73, at the Cuneta Astrodome. They said the heavy fine was unfair to the God-fearing Lang because he was very clearly the aggrieved party and not the aggressor.

According to PBA officials, including executive director Sonny Barrios, Lang was fined and ejected from the game for taking a fighting stance (against SMB's hot-headed import Art Long) and for belligerently protesting his ejection (in the bench-clearing third quarter). Still, the punishment was too harsh, the fans said, asking: what was Lang supposed to do given the repeated provocation? Turn the other cheek around after having been punched first on the face by Long and, later on, ejected from the heated game by the incompetent referees?

In rendering their decision, PBA officials should consider that Lang merely reacted to Long's provocative and barbaric actions (the SMB import even threatened to throw a chair at the crowd); that he only protested the unfair decision of the referees who made matter worse by banishing him (and Long) from the game, a decision which was clearly disadvantageous to Batang Red Bull because when the riot started, Long had already incurred his fifth foul while Lang, a former Best Import awardee and a vital cog in the Thunder campaign, wasn't even close to foul trouble. In short, Red Bull got the bitter end of the bargain. In full view of the public, Lang did not throw a single punch in retaliation; he only protested verbally, a natural reaction from a player who is upset by repeated blatant botches of biased whistle-totters.

Bernardino, Barrios, technical committee chief Ricky Palou and referees supervisor Romy Guevarra should act on the root cause of the trouble, the referees' failure to control the wayward situation, which happened right under their very noses. As we go to press, I gathered that the PBA has finally come to its senses by instituting reforms: aimed at curbing the problem of poor officiating. It's about time.

No guns in Allen search

PHILADELPHIA—Police found broken glass and smeared blood inside a vehicle frequently driven by Allen Iverson's wife, but an extensive search of the NBA star's home and cars failed to turn up any guns, a police official said.

Investigators also found rocks and women's' clothing inside Tawanna Iverson's Cadillac Escalade, according to the official, who spoke Saturday on condition of anonymity.

In a court affidavit, police said they were hunting for evidence to back accusations that Iverson threw his wife out of their Gladwyne home during a fight, then barged into a cousin's Philadelphia apartment with a gun while searching for her a night later.

It was not immediately clear what impact the discovery had on the case.

Police were able to confirm that Tawanna Iverson had checked into a hotel on July 1 and that Iverson had gone there looking for her shortly before 3 a.m. on July 3. **AP**

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Tecson cops 3rd in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia—The Philippines' Jenz Tecson came up with a four-day total 292 to place third in the Class A competition of the 8th Damai Indah-Panin Bank Ascan Junior Golf Championships at the Bumi Serpong Damai Course in Jakarta, Indonesia, recently. Tecson, fourth year high school student of St. Stephen's High School, fired rounds of 72, 76, 78 and 70.

Archers tame Tams; Tigers rout Falcons

By Dennis U. Eroa

LA SALLE'S "Gimme Five" campaign started in blazing fashion as the Green Archers tamed the Far Eastern University Tamaraws, 85-71, yesterday in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Araneta Coliseum.

Playing without mercy, the Green Archers sustained a fiery start with a red-hot finish to dominate the Tamaraws and join early winners Ateneo, University of the Philippines and University of Santo Tomas at the top.

In the first game, the UST Growling Tigers added to the miseries of the Adamson Falcons with a 74-61 victory.

"We have a good start and I think the flow of the game favored us," said La Salle coach Franz Pumaren. "FEU, I'm sure, can play better than that."

After posting an early 23-18 lead, the Green Archers pummeled the shell-shocked Tamaraws with a display of fluid basketball.

Rookie Tyrone Tang and Mike Cortez alternated in setting La Salle's smooth plays, while Mark Cardona, Joseph Yeo, Willy Wilson and Adonis Sta. Maria punctured the hoop.

Cardona's layup gave La Salle its biggest lead, 82-61, 3:24 left before the Archers coasted along.

Adamson, now the yardstick of UAAP futility, absorbed its 29th straight loss under coach Luigi Trillo. Trillo went 0-28 in his first two seasons as mentor of the San Marcelino-based dribblers.

The Falcons are now 0-31, including two losses under former mentor Moises Urbiztondo, author of the team's 1974 twin triumphs in both junior and senior basketball. The last time the Falcons tasted victory was Aug. 19, 1999 when they shocked the FEU Tamaraws, 89-81, at the Loyola gym.

In fairness to the youthful Trillo, Adamson played with a big fighting heart against the favored Tigers. The Falcons also unveiled an effective press which caught University of Santo Tomas flatfooted in the first half.

But the lack of a take-charge guy and a reliable slotman took its toll on the Falcons, who even led 28-23 in the early goings.

Derick Hubalde, Alwyn Espiritu, Jimino Manansala, Cyrus Baguio, Iago Raterta and Nino Gelig shone as the Tigers posted their biggest lead, 69-53, two minutes left.

Scores:

First game:

UST 74—Baguio 16, Espiritu 12, Lunazon 11, Raterta 10, Hubalde 7, Del Rosario 6, Viscarra 5, Gelig 4, Manansala 3, De Guzman 0, Naninga 0.

ADAMSON 61—Abadia 12, Mangulabnan 10, Tagupa 10, Mamaclay 7, Gandaropa 5, Rolan 5, Catabay 4, Tiongco 3, Hate 2, Ferrer 2, Alonzo 1.

Quarters: 21-20, 36-36, 56-43, 74-69.

Second game:

LA SALLE 85—Cardona 23, Sta. Maria 16, Cortez 13, Wilson 7, Yeo 6, Sharma 5, Gavino 4, Vainio 4, Ramos 3, Urra 2, Tang 2, Cabatu 0.

FEU 71—Santos 17, Isip 15, Jones 10, Cutler 6, Yabut 6, Miranda 5, Razon 4, Rizada 3, Cinco 3, Zablan 2, Catli 0, Garcia 0.

Quarters: 23-18, 50-37, 69-49, 85-71.

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Red Bull leads anew

By June Navarro

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Sta. Lucia	3	2
San Miguel	2	3
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Shell	2	3
Ginebra	2	4
Purefoods	1	5

GAME TOMORROW
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7 p.m.—Ginebra vs San Miguel

BATANG Red Bull maximized use of its tall frontline as it thundered past Coca-Cola, 72-60, to reclaim the lead in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup last night at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City.

With height and heft on their side, the Thunder erased the memory of shelling out close to P220,000 in fines after a bench-clearing incident against San Miguel Beer last week and focused on drubbing the Tigers en route to a 4-1 slate.

"We didn't become emotional after paying the fine. We just kept ourselves mentally focused on the game," said Batang Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao, whose wards take a 12-day break after their Coca-Cola conquest.

So concentrated were the Thunder on the game that they brushed aside some harsh incidents that could lead to another ugly confrontation.

In the second game, the Talk N Text Phone Pals crushed the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs, 109-92, to share second spot with the Tigers. The Hotdogs plummeted to the cellar at 1-5.

Scores:

First game:

RED BULL 72—Lang 27, Tugade 11, Harp 10, Nwosu 9, Valenzuela 5, Mendoza 4, Reyes 2, Miller 2, Torion 2, Villoria 0.

COCA COLA 60—Basemore 17, Hale 17, Antonio 9, Avenido 7, Juinio 5, Abuda 2, Abarrientos 2, Morano 1, Reavis 0, Misolas 0.

Quarters: 12-17, 43-32, 61-38, 72-60.

Second game:

TALK 'N TEXT 109—Johnson 37, Honeycutt 28, Lago 14, Pablo 12, Telan 12, Demape 5, Crisano 1, Camaso 0, Fran 0.

PUREFOODS 92—Morris 30, Muoneke 26, Magsanoc 11, Raymundo 10, Patrimonio 9, Yap 5, Cantonjos 1, Escobar 0, Victoria 0.

Quarters: 30-28, 57-44, 81-70, 109-92.

MBA tackles Russia today

THE METROPOLITAN Basketball Association selection will face tall odds when it debuts against Russia's Lokomotive Novosibirsk at 7:30 p.m. today in the 25th Jones Cup at the Taipei Physical Education College Gym.

The Filipinos, with an average height of 6-foot-3, will be dwarfed by the Russians, who average 6-foot-7 in height and boast a 7-footer in Denis Sevastianov.

Lokomotive Novosibirsk, a member of the Super League Division II, placed third in last year's edition where it also beat the Philippine representative (FedEx Laguna Lakers).

Despite being formed only 10 days ago, the MBA selection hopes to better the Chris Clay-powered FedEx Laguna's fourth place finish in this annual event.

Sans Clay, coach Francis Rodriguez will lean on 6-foot-8 center Jeffrey Flowers of Gilbey's Olongapo and MVP awardees Alex Compton (LBC Batangas), Romel Adducul (Osaka Pangasinan), John Ferriols (RCPI Negros) and Eddie Laure (LBC Batangas).

Completing the MBA selection are Peter Simon (Professional Davao), Billy Mamaril (Professional Davao), Reynel Hugnatan (RCPI Negros), Egay Echavez (Cebuana Lhuillier), Bruce Dacia (Cebuana Lhuillier) and Kalani Ferreria (Osaka Pangasinan).

The MBA selection faces Canada tomorrow, Taiwan on Tuesday, South Korea on Thursday, Australia on Friday, SINA Lions on Saturday and Japan on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Japanese stunned the defending champion Taiwanese, 74-72, on a buzzer-beating triple by Takahiro Setsumasa in the opener on Saturday night. *Roy Luarca*

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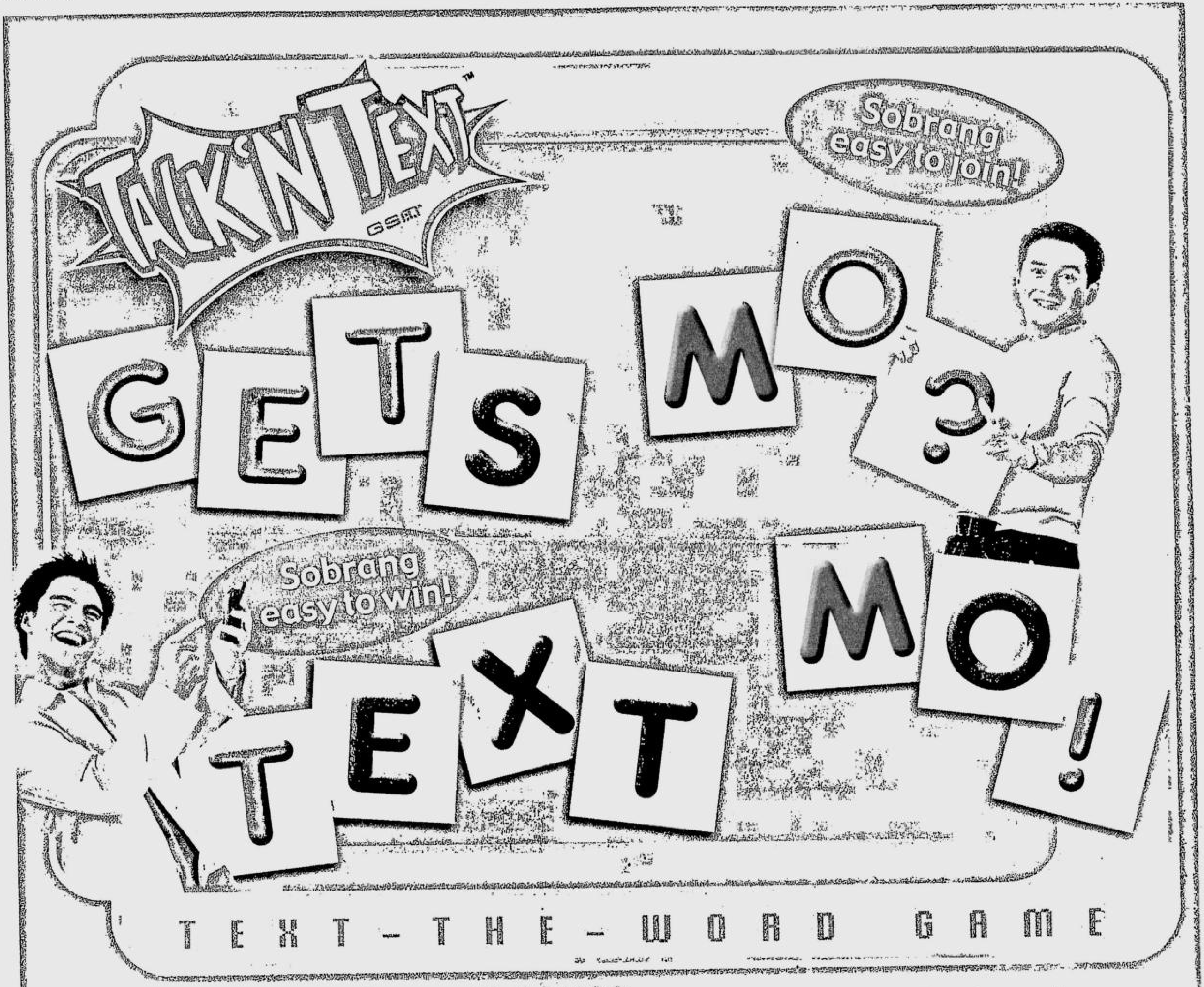
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Fire in UP Manila

A 12-MINUTE fire hit the University of the Philippines Manila campus early yesterday afternoon. The fire began at 12:54 p.m. and was put out at 1:06 p.m. on the stairs between the third and fourth floors of the College of Public Health, said arson investigator FO3 Rodelio P. Nelius. "Only the circuit breaker (got burned)," he said. Arson investigator FO3 Gaudencio Magallanes was still trying to determine what started the fire and the damage it caused in terms of pesos.

Philip C. Tubeza

Robbery on Quezon Avenue

KIM Navntoffe of Denmark lost millions of pesos in local and foreign currencies to three robbers on a motorcycle in Quezon City on Saturday morning, police said. Navntoffe, 40, a native of Copenhagen temporarily residing in Muntinlupa City, was on board his Ford Expedition and was waiting for the light to turn green at the corner of Quezon Avenue and Banawe Street when, at 1:05 a.m., three men on board a motorcycle pulled up alongside his vehicle, police said. The men drew pistols, forced the Dane to open his car, and took his cash. Police said Navntoffe lost some P600,000, 100,000 Thai baht, US$2,000, and 3,000 kroner. Navntoffe said the suspects also took his Nokia 5110 and 6150 cellular phones. He said the motorcycle had no license plates.

Tina Santos

Stabbing in Dagat-Dagatan

PEDICAB driver Rolando Edio was stabbed dead when he pedaled in the flood and accidentally splashed floodwater on another driver, Editho Maglente, in Navotas on Friday, said police. Edio, of Dagat-Dagatan, Navotas, was stabbed several times and died on the spot. Policemen said they were looking for Maglente, 38, of Northbay Boulevard South, also in Navotas. They said Edio was pedaling his pedicab on a flooded street near his house when he accidentally sprayed Maglente at about 10 p.m. Friday. Maglente was enraged and he drew a knife, chased Edio and stabbed him repeatedly, police said.

Tina Santos

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, July 15, 2002
15th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 1:10-17
Gospel: Mt 10:34—11:1

Jesus said to his apostles, "Do not think that I have come to establish peace on earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father and daughter against her mother; a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Each one will have as enemies those of one's own family.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take up his cross and come after me is not worthy of me. One who wants to benefit from his life will lose it; one who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes him who sent me. The one who welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive the reward of a prophet; the one who welcomes a just man because he is a just man will receive the reward of a just man. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones, because he is a disciple of mine, I assure you, he will not go unrewarded."

When Jesus had finished giving his twelve disciples these instructions, he went on from there to teach and to proclaim his message in their towns.

Commentary

The peace of the believer comes from the certainty of being loved by God. (Lk 2:14) Jesus gives no peace to the world, because the rest of the world is made up of confusion, half-truths, people who live midway between greed and fear of risking. The peace of the world, whether in a family or in society, veils unjust conditions imposed by the strongest or a shared mediocrity. Those who love Christ more than anybody and anything else finds a thousand and one opportunities for freeing themselves from activities, entertainment and worries about their own family or social circle which were keeping both them and their families at a mediocre level. The Gospel awakens a critical spirit everywhere: so that the presence of only one Christian living by the truth is enough to worry many persons.

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Power over projects

By Christian V. Esguerra

NOW, Metro Manila mayors want to have full jurisdiction over infrastructure projects.

Pasay City Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad yesterday said mayors would personally ask President Macapagal-Arroyo tomorrow to transfer control over the projects from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to local government units.

"We know more than the DPWH does what infrastructure projects need to be implemented in our areas," said Trinidad who is also spokesperson of the Metro Manila Mayors League.

The mayors are set to meet with the President during the joint meeting of the Regional Development Council and the Regional Peace and Order Council at the Manila Hotel.

Trinidad said that during the meeting, the mayors would also seek more funding for the construction of infrastructure projects.

Transferring control over these projects to the local governments would further clip the wings of the DPWH, which got a deluge of criticism for mishandling the flood problem in Metro Manila the past week.

The President stripped the DPWH of its flood-control functions in the metropolis, which she turned over to the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

Valenzuela Rep. Magtanggol Gunigundo said the transfer was unconstitutional.

But Trinidad, a lawyer, said it was legal since it was in accordance with the MMDA charter.

"What's important now is to allow local governments to have full control over infrastructure (projects), especially to avoid conflict between mayors and congressmen," he said.

Taguig solon vows to seek recall election

By Christian V. Esguerra

TAGUIG Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano said on Friday that he would push for a recall election in the southern Metro Manila town if his camp wins majority of the posts in the town's 18 barangays in today's election.

"Before, we told ourselves that if (Mayor Sigfrido) Tinga turned out to be a good mayor, we would no longer petition for a recall," Cayetano said. "But he had the chance and he blew it."

"I think he has the genuine desire to be a good mayor," Cayetano said. "The only problem is that his father (former congressman Dante Tinga) keeps on meddling."

Cayetano said businessman Boy Dizon, son of a former Taguig mayoral candidate, would most likely contest Tinga's position in case of a recall.

The congressman admitted that his camp had been planning the recall because of his long-standing rift with Tinga over the town's infrastructure projects. But he said he decided to wait for the outcome of today's election since Tinga's camp currently controls majority of the barangay positions.

The two young politicians even resorted to white papers and billboards to claim credit for infrastructure projects.

Among the points of contention between Cayetano and Tinga was the supposed destruction of a covered structure in Sitio Central Bicutan to pave the way for a P25-million sports complex funded by the congressman's father, Sen. Rene Cayetano. Tinga said the existing court was built through his father's Countrywide Development Fund.

Cayetano said that after Tinga blocked the construction of a new school building last May, more than 1,000 pupils of North Daang Hari Elementary School were forced to use makeshift classrooms.

"If only he allowed me to proceed with the project, the building would have been completed before classes opened last month," Cayetano said.

Journal publisher's car stolen in front of house

By Philip C. Tubeza

A NEWSPAPER publisher and a taxi driver lost their vehicles to car thieves in Manila over the weekend.

Teodoro C. Berbano, of the Journal Group of Publications which publishes the People's Journal, People's Tonight and Taliba tabloids, lost his brand-new dark blue Isuzu Crosswind while it was parked in front of his house in Singalong, Manila, according to a report to the Western Police District anti-carnap unit.

Police said Berbano's van still had no license plates, only a conduction sticker (54 KHR).

The van was taken in front of Berbano's house at about 5:30 a.m., police said.

The WPD issued a flash alarm to all the other districts of Manila even as it asked Berbano to present his car's papers to police.

Taxi driver Ernesto M. Damaso, 44, of Bagong Silang, Caloocan City, lost a Tamaraw FX (TVJ-792) to four men who were armed with .38 caliber revolvers, police said.

Damaso was driving the taxi when four of his passengers announced the holdup near Lerma in Sampaloc, Manila at about 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

The armed men ordered Damaso to take them to Parañaque City in the southern part of the metropolis. In La Huerta, Parañaque, they told Damaso to get off and then they drove away with his taxi.

A little miracle in a village by the Pasig

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

IT WAS jacket-and-umbrella weather. But the trickling rain, which started in mid-morning, surprisingly stopped falling shortly before the exact time for the thank-you prayers.

This was at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. *Ate* Feling Matubang led the amazed village crowd, residents of Barangay Vergara in riverside Mandaluyong and a few titled guests, in prayer.

A choir hummed a solemn number. The emcee took over: Journalist Peter Sing, pushed onto center stage at the last minute, hurriedly explained what the affair was all about.

It was the dedication of a riverside park, a former view-blanking junkyard that was converted into what could pass for a masterpiece of a playground and promenade, complete with grass-topped flower boxes, lamps that glow like moonlight, by the lot owner and members of Samahang Alige for the residents of the place.

The program, no thanks to the persistent threat of rain, was done in a snap. Certificates were handed to selfless backers and volunteers who helped build the riverside park. The choir sang a couple more numbers, then it was thank-you and back to the brief comfort of a tent where wine, courtesy of Don Miguel Torres, owner of the most important distillery in Spain, and Japanese food, catered by Marissa Bulatao, were shared through wind and rain by the excited crowd that included lawyer-sportsman Rudy Salud, business tycoon Antonio Cabangon Chua, park lot owner Ruperto Tan, and city officials.

National Artist for Literature Nick Joaquin attended but opted to drink his cold beer in a safe, dry place.

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> Lily de la Cruz, wiping tears from her eyes, rose from her seat, walked onto the stage, and kissed the announcer.

Well, there was nothing truly extraordinary in the affair.

It was a thing that could be repeated in many other barangays on any given weekend.

But you know what? Those who came and saw it, even those who were late and had to settle for crumbs, were one in swearing it was the happiest day in the history of Barangay Vergara.

Here's the reason why:

The completion of the park was presided over by a big, solid non-government organization. But as today's polls neared, it became inevitable that this NGO got identified with the party opposing the family of the incumbent barangay head.

Tension, needless to say, had built up between the two opposing segments.

The family of the barangay chair would have nothing to do with all those who had a hand in the completion and dedication of the park.

This family obviously thought the park was put up to serve as a prop, a political gimmick of the group opposing their rule.

Well, take it from one who knew the workings behind the project.

It was done by volunteers from Vergara for all the residents of Barangay Vergara, mainly the youth.

So, a few hours before the inauguration of the park, this resident who had a major role in the park project took heart and invited the barangay chairman and his family to be present in the ceremonies that afternoon.

The unexpected invitation, a wild gamble, was totally unknown around the riverside community.

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The threat of another downpour was great when Lily de la Cruz, lead candidate for barangay chairwoman and niece of Lamberto de la Cruz, outgoing village head, walked into the park.

The village crowd could only watch in amazement.

She was followed by her uncle, *Kapitan* Entoy, the barangay head.

Next limped in grizzled *Ka* Tirso, Lily's father.

And to think that, all through the past days, the De la Cruz family would not be caught dead saying a word about the affair, not to mention the park itself.

Naturally, a wild cheer rose when the presence of the De la Cruz family was acknowledged.

Much later, Celo Guillarte, the candidate contesting the top barangay post with Lily de la Cruz, came and mingled with the audience.

You see, the rivalry between the two groups contesting the barangay leadership was both tight and keen. Therefore, nobody in the village had suspected that the rivals would allow themselves to be caught together in one place.

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Anyway, when it was announced close to the end of the brief program that the park, carved out of a borrowed riverside lot that used to be a monstrous junkyard, was also being dedicated to Lily's *kuya*, Erning de la Cruz, a pioneering soul who perished in the United States, the crowd fell into a hush.

Lily de la Cruz, wiping tears from her eyes, rose from her seat, walked onto the stage, and kissed the announcer.

Maybe, as part of the day's program, it proceeded to rain hard again, but only after it was announced to a loud, unanimous cheer that the historic day marked the re-birth of unity in Barangay Vergara.

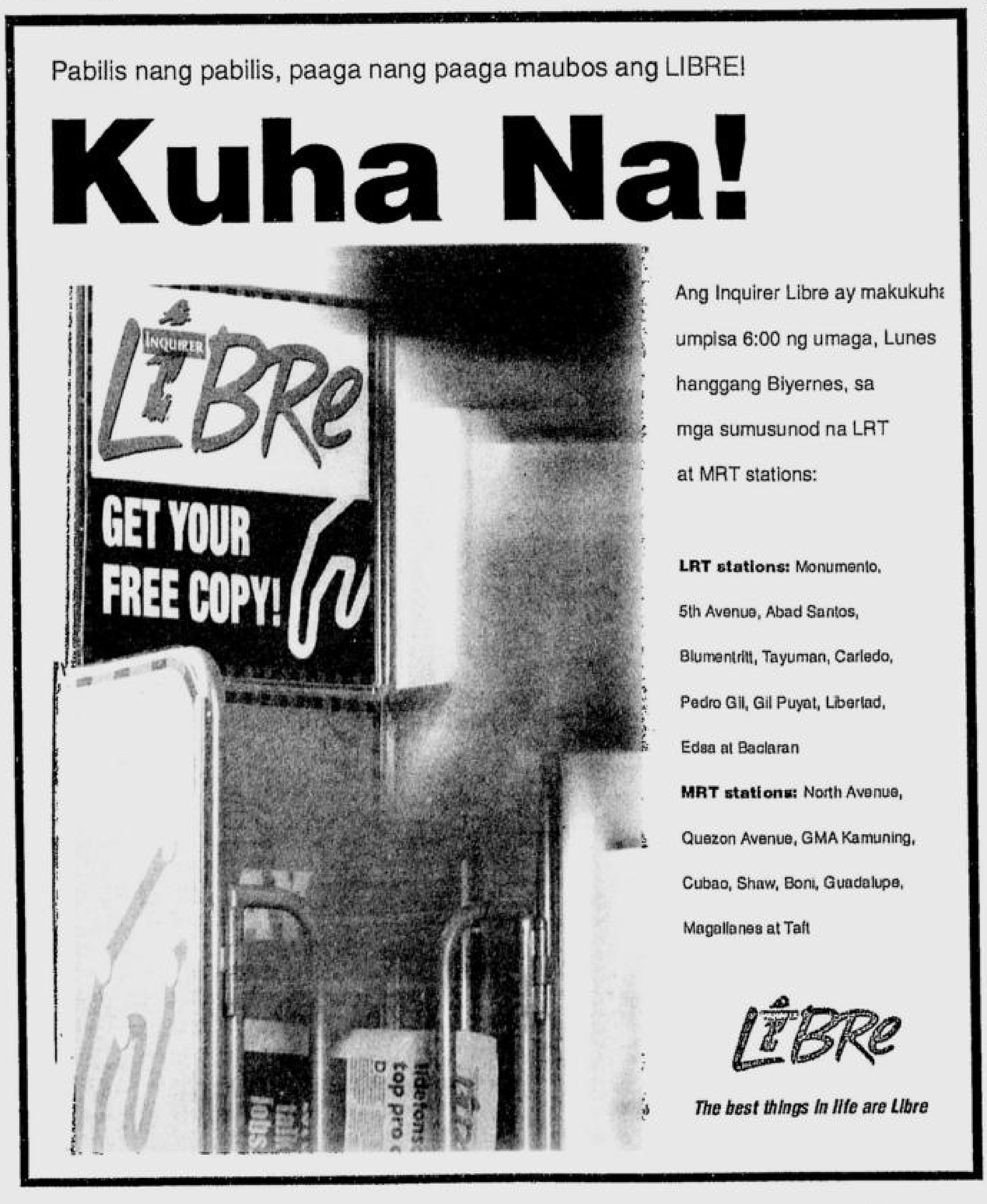
While residents, guests, and candidates from the two opposing groups who had rushed under the tent were sharing food, drinks and were excitedly congratulating one another, there rose another big applause as the arrival of Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando was announced.

The man, who had contributed grandly to the park project, was mobbed like a returning hero.

Yesterday, the park was blessed after the morning Mass in the adjacent chapel.

As the residents walked home in a thin drizzle, they were overheard wondering how the daylong rain stopped briefly on Friday for the inauguration rites that nearly got cancelled due to inclement weather.

Many in the crowd were saying a little miracle had been necessary to give way to that happiest day in the history of the quiet community by the Pasig River.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PANDACAN OIL DEPOT

MOU to go to city council for action

By Jerome Aning

THE MEMORANDUM of understanding between the Manila city government and the three oil firms operating in the Pandacan oil depot will be submitted to the city council for its "information and appropriate action" as soon as the council resumes session.

City Legal Officer Melchor Monsod said this on Saturday in reaction to opposition Councilor Bernardito Ang's assertion that the June 26 MOU has to be submitted to the council because Mayor Lito Atienza "wants us to approve" it.

Monsod pointed out that the submission of the MOU to the council is one of the terms laid down in the document upon the mayor's insistence.

"Councilor Ang should not worry because as soon as the council resumes its session, the councilors will have the opportunity to evaluate the MOU," said Monsod.

He stressed that while the MOU does not constitute a total victory for the city, "it is a big step toward the eventual phaseout of the Pandacan oil depot."

He said City Hall tried to phase out the depot in 1962 but failed. It tried again in 1968 and 1992 but also failed both times, he said.

ANG

"It is only now, with the joint effort of Mayor Atienza and the council, that the tanks posing the greatest danger to the communities, about fifty of them, will be removed," Monsod added.

According to the MOU, City Hall and the oil firms agree that scaling down operations is the best way to address the security and development concerns in the area. The MOU requires the oil firms to set up a common distribution system and to put up buffer zones to protect nearby communities.

Ang and some councilors earlier complained that they were not consulted in the negotiations that led to the signing of the MOU.

Monsod called the MOU "a Solomonic solution that addresses the security and development concerns of the city and substantially complies with the spirit and intent of the ordinance." He said it was arrived at after strong representations by the national government, with no less than Energy Secretary Vince Perez making an urgent appeal.

Monsod said the MOU is a big accomplishment since it resulted in the immediate decommissioning of 28 tanks containing volatile substances such as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

A total of 50 storage tanks in Pandacan, including the 28 that are being dismantled, will be out of commission as the city government has closed down other independent oil depots located in the midst of residential communities in Pandacan and Sta. Ana.

Monsod said the establishment of a multi-use buffer zone around the common distribution area to be used by the three major oil firms is also a beneficial effect of the MOU. The buffer zone would be developed within the property being used by the oil firms, which would also shoulder the development expenses.

"Aside from providing security for the residents, the buffer zone will also bring development to the area and will complement the mayor's Buhayin ang Maynila urban renewal program," Monsod explained.

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Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections

Messages

It is my distinct pleasure to greet the winners of the Outstanding Sangguniang Kabataan Awards and Recognition (OSKAR).

Our experience with the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) is a learning process. The different levels of successes, failures and challenges local SK organizations have encountered provide a fertile ground for lessons we can use to hasten the empowerment of the youth. Our goal is to make this new institution in local governance more effective and responsive to youth and community development.

The young men and women we are honoring today exemplify our vision of en empowered youth sector that is an active stakeholder in nation building. From their achievements we see how idealism, strength and skills of our youth can be translated into meaningful and concrete projects that redound to the benefit of their respective communities.

As future leaders, nation-builders and captains of the country, I call on the awardees to always strive for excellence in serving our people. May you likewise serve as an inspiration and role models to those who will come after you in order to hasten our nation's social transformation and progress.

Again congratulations and *mabuhay ang mga pag-asa ng Bayan!*

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President, Republic of the Philippines

In behalf of the Department of Interior and Local Government Family, I convey my commendation to the Sangguniang Kabataan National Federation (SKNF) for sponsoring the Search for Outstanding Sangguniang Kabataan Awards and Recognition (OSKAR) even as I congratulate the winners in this year's contest.

Indeed, I am proud that in our efforts to involve the youth in the affairs of our state, the SKNF has come with a laudable project that gives recognition to the outstanding contribution of youth leaders in nation building. This alone serves as a good incentive for them to participate actively in the promotion of good local governance.

Be that as it may, it is my hope that they will continue to infuse bright ideas into several programs and projects with the end in view of improving the efficient delivery of basic services to our people.

May this awards system also give them reasons to work harder in pursuit of our national goals towards peace, progress and economic stability as a nation.

Congratulations and *Mabuhay!*

JOEY D. LINA, Jr.
Secretary, DILG

I commend the Sangguniang Kabataan National Federation in its effort to recognize exemplary leadership and service among its members. The OSKAR Awards indicates that excellence is highly valued in the SK organization.

I hope that the Awards will go beyond recognition, but will seek to inspire others to pursue the highest ideals while serving the best interests of our people. I urge all SK officers and members to continue to adhere to the values of excellence and noble service and usher our nation into a renewed hope for the future.

Mabuhay ang Kabataang Pilipino! Mabuhay ang SK!

ATTY. MABEL VILLARICA-MAMBA
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The accomplishments of our SK leaders exemplifies their enthusiasm, dynamism and altruism in the service of the youth and our nation.

The service credentials of these outstanding SK leaders speak well of their productive endeavors in the different youth and community service concerns, such as environment protection, livelihood, capability-building, anti-drug abuse, education services, values-formation, disaster coordination and calamity management, community immersion, legislative works, infrastructure and other development programs. Their contribution to community development and nation-building is a great source of pride for all of us.

As words will never be enough to express our gratitude for your selflessness and dedication to service, may you consider this activity the Outstanding Sanguniang Kabataan Awards and Recognition as our humble but sincerest way of thanking you for doing exceptionally well on your duties as youth leaders.

Mabuhay kayo!
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'HIGH CRIMES'

The mystery is too easy to figure out

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.

REVIEW

WIVES, how well do you really know your husbands?

Claire Kubik (Ashley Judd) thought she knew her husband pretty well. Happily married the past 10 years to smart, hunky and sensitive Tom (James Caviezel), her life could have been any woman's dream. He's the perfect husband to the highly successful Claire, a hotshot San Francisco lawyer who's in line for a partnership with her law firm. There's nothing she'd want more than to conceive a baby with him, and when that happens everything is bliss.

But one fine December evening, while doing some Christmas shopping, they're suddenly jumped by a whole platoon of FBI agents and Tom is hauled to prison to face a military trial for first-degree murder.

It turns out she doesn't know her husband after all. It turns out her husband is not even Tom Kubick but Ron Chapman, a US Marine posted in troubled El Salvador a few years before she met him, accused of murdering nine innocent civilians in a village raid.

Claire couldn't believe what she is hearing until her husband, Tom or Ron or whoever, confesses that yes, he was in El Salvador at the time, and yes, he did witness the murderous rampage, but no, he did not do it.

He claims that his superior officer, then a colonel but now a very influential brigadier general by the name of William Marks (Bruce Davison who's recently been seen a lot in "The Practice"), is setting him up to take the fall, and that it was actually the general's henchman who pulled the trigger on the villagers.

How could he, the wonderful man she's been waking up to every day for the last 10 years, be a mass murderer, Tom pleads with Caviezel's puppy dog look (Caviezel, last seen in "The Count of Monte Cristo" can sleepwalk playing innocent).

She wonders, and we wonder along with her, at least for a while.

"High Crimes" has a premise that is classic for a did-he-or-didn't-he-do-it film, and it has all the necessary ingredients to make the genre work. But the really tricky thing about films like this is how to keep your audience guessing until the end or until the "big moment."

This is where the film falters somewhat.

"High Crimes" does a good job of keeping its secrets-for people who haven't seen their fair share of crime thrillers. But for people who know the routines of the genre, the mystery is too easy to figure out. There are just too many clues unveiled and not enough ambiguity in the plot elements to tease the discerning audience.

Show-all

When the film continues after its supposed finale, it more or less confirms who the culprit is. The film's trailer doesn't help either. Is it just the trend nowadays to reveal almost everything about a film before it is shown? (Remember how "Sum of All Fears" actually told non-Clancy readers there's going to be a nuclear explosion in the film? There goes the surprise.)

But just because there's nothing much else to watch this weekend doesn't mean there are no other good reasons to watch "High Crimes." That would be unfair. The film may be conventional—too conventional for a director like Carl Franklin who boasts of more imaginative thrillers like "Devil in a Blue Dress" and "One False Move"—but it's not a bad movie altogether.

For one thing, Franklin knows how to keep a kinetic pace, which generally keeps the viewer interested despite the fact that you can see a lot of things coming. He introduces his characters in smart, short sequences, keeping us tuned in, waiting and wanting to know more about them. The technique more than makes up for the loss of shock value that is due to the film's predictable conclusion.

POWER PAIR. Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd

Tough and smart

Two other reasons to see the film are the charismatic performances of Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd.

"High Crimes" is not Judd's first "girl power" thriller. Before this, she did "Double Jeopardy" and "Kiss the Girls" where she first teamed up with the eminent Freeman. She's so good at playing the strong, determined woman that even in a romantic comedy like "Someone Like You," she gets to play one.

In the hands of Judd, Claire is never one-dimensional. She can exude toughness and smarts while at the same time revealing lovable vulnerability. In a standard confrontation scene, shot in an elevator with the villainous General Marks, she defiantly bluffs the powerful man down, only to show her humanity as soon as he's out the elevator door.

In another scene, as she's left all alone outside an FBI building with her husband already in the brig, she deftly shows she's about to cry, but only about to, stopping herself several times to show resolve. Judd never goes the way of being indestructible superwoman in playing strong women. You can see her characters confronting their worst fears even without dialogue.

Attractive pair

With her and Freeman together, the film has an instantly attractive pair, partly romantic (even if it's not in the storyline) and partly somewhat a mentor-teacher fascination. The producers who've seen the two together in "Kiss the Girls" already know of course that the actors share a natural charisma between them.

Freeman plays Charlie Grimes, a legendary lawyer whose alcoholism has led his once enviable practice to a deplorable stage where his "associate" turns out be a hound (and not a legal hound either but just his loyal dog).

When Claire needs a partner other than her husband's novice military lawyer to help her defend her husband in a military trial, Grimes becomes the least expected man to fill the job. Of course the moment we see that the graying alcoholic in the one-man office and in the rundown house is Freeman, we know right away there could be no better lawyer to help her out. This is one predictable element in the film that I can most gladly accept.

Second 'Harry Potter' film to be shown this year

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beautiful and difficult pieces ever composed for the musical theater.

Also appearing in "Falsettos" is **Lily Chu**, who plays Charlotte, Marvin's lesbian friend from next door. Only 22 years old, Lily has already chalked up numerous theater, band and modelling stints.

"Falsettos" is directed by **Andrew Vergara**. Call New Voice at 896-6695.

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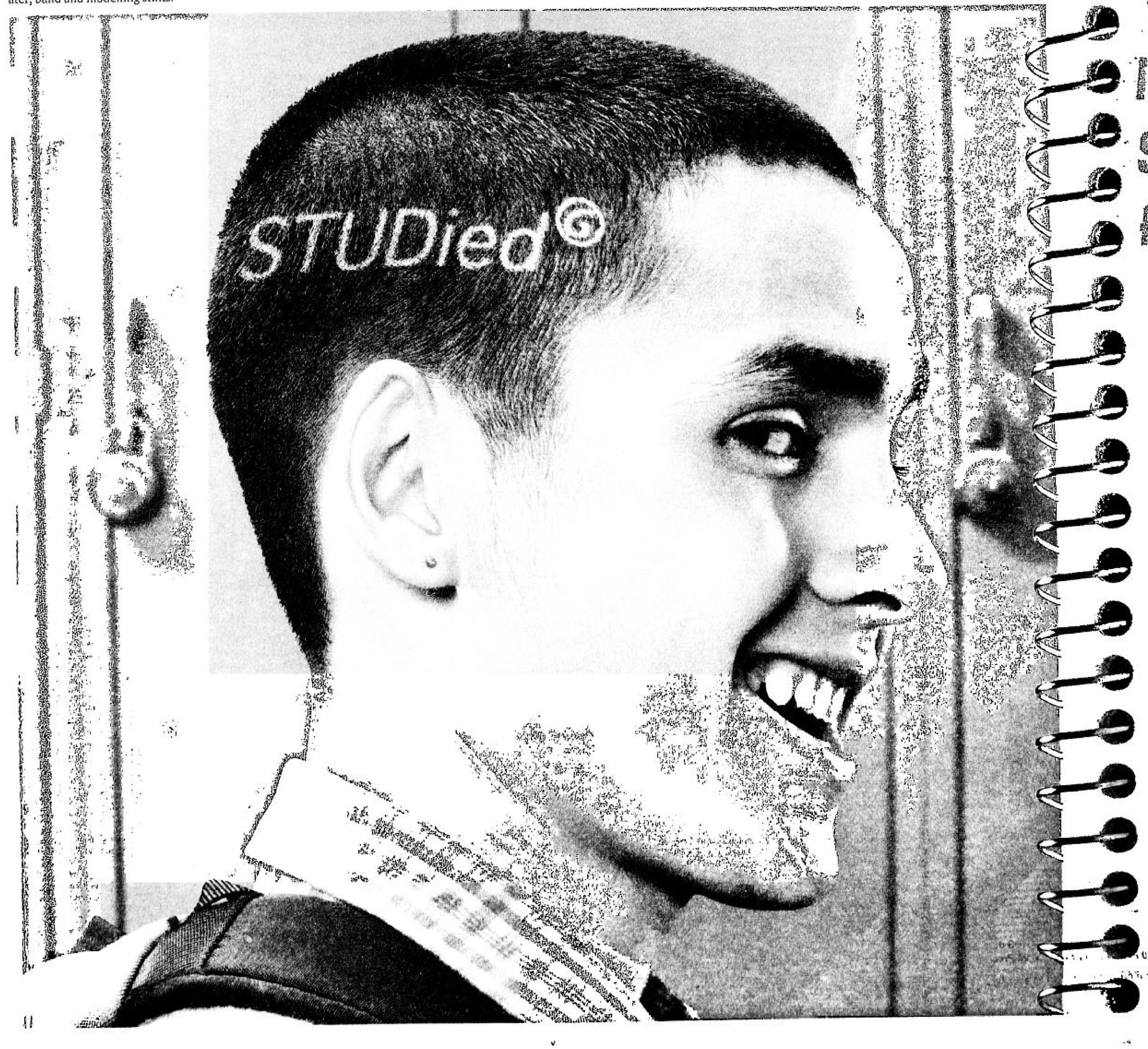
On Cinemax: Tuesday, July 16 at 1 p.m., "The World of Suzy Wong." At 6 p.m., "The Out-of-Towners." At 9 p.m., "Full Disclosure." At 1:40 a.m., "Sleepy Hollow."

Wednesday. July 17 at 5;15 p.m., "Two Mules for Sister Sara." Thursday, July 18 at 11 a.m., "Tea for Two." At 2:30 p.m., "Two of Us." At 7 pm., "Snatch." At 11:55 p.m., "Reservoir Dogs."



Second 'Harry Potter' film to be shown this year

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Nestor U. Torre

HERE'S good news for all Harry Potter fans: the second installment in the well-loved series, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," will be screened before the end of Film Year 2002.

In this second filmic "chapter," Harry (**Daniel Radcliffe**) and his friends Ron (**Rupert Grint**) and Hermione (**Emma Watson**) face new challenges during their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

They try to discover and vanquish a dark force that's terrorizing the entire school. **Kenneth Branagh** joins the cast as the new professor Gilderoy Lockhart, who teaches Defense Against the Dark Arts.

Meanwhile, in "Possession," **Gwyneth Paltrow** and new star **Aaron Eckhart** play academics who unearth the amorous secret of two Victorian poets, only to fall under their passionate spell.

Billy Crystal and **Robert De Niro** co-star in "Analyze That," the sequel to the hit film, "Analyze This." Crystal plays a psychologist who tries to help a mobster (De Niro) when his life is threatened.

As for **Eddie Murphy**, his latest starrer, "The Adventures of Pluto Nash," is an action-comedy set on the moon in 2087. He finds himself in hot water when he refuses to sell his nightclub to the members of the lunar Mob, who are helping a mysterious mastermind take over the moon.

What's veteran star **Clint Eastwood** been up to lately? Shooting scenes for his latest film, "Bloodwork." In the suspense-thriller, Eastwood plays a retired FBI profiler who is brought back into service to track down a ruthless serial killer.

The twist is the fact that the case's unusual circumstances involve his own blood analysis. Finally, "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" is a tribute to a supportive circle of lifelong friends whose colorful and eccentric members stand by each other through good times and bad. The all-star female cast includes **Sandra Bullock**, **Ashley Judd**, **Maggie Smith** and **Ellen Burstyn**.

The members of the "sisterhood" come together once more when they stage a rather unorthodox intervention to help Bullock's character unravel the truth about her eccentric mother, to find forgiveness and come to terms with her painful past.

'Falsettos'

The New Voice Company's latest musical, "Falsettos," runs every Friday and Saturday until Aug. 3 at Music Museum. It stars **Jake Macapagal** as Marvin, a man who leaves his wife and 13-year-old son for a male lover.

The musical about families and love set against the backdrop of AIDS is both hilarious and powerfully moving. Its songs have been described as among the most

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Boyet, Goma together in a first on Philippine TV

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Leah Salterio

FOR a big-budgeted TV production with a powerhouse cast, you need a seasoned writer who can weave a consistently absorbing story, and a sharp director to deliver exceptional primetime fare.

GMA 7 gathered all these for its latest soap, "Ang Iibigin ay Ikaw," which premieres at 7 tonight, starting off two hours of soap that includes "Ikaw Lang ang Mamahalin," "Sana ay Ikaw na Nga" and "Kung Mawawala Ka."

With a cast led by award-winning actors **Christopher de Leon** and **Richard Gomez**, the network tapped veteran scriptwriter **Gina Marissa Tagasa** and box-office director **Joyce Bernal**.

"Ang Iibigin ay Ikaw" combines the powerful mediums of TV and film, which is why GMA 7 christened it a "cine-novela," a first on Philippine TV.

Direk Joyce is working for the first time in a TV series. She is also the first female director to meg a soap for GMA 7, following a long list of male directors who include **Soxie Topacio**, **Khryss Adalia**, **Gil Tejada Jr.** and **Joel Lamangan**.

"I was initially shocked because TV is very different," Joyce says. "In filming a movie, we do an average of three to five sequences a day. But for this soap, we tape more than 30 sequences a day and that's for the first production unit alone. (Director) **Lore Reyes** handles the second unit."

To make the job easier, *Direk* Joyce has learned to "cluster." "If we're in Tanay, we tape all the scenes needed to be shot there for a certain period," she explains. "In a way it's also hard because you have to closely watch the continuity."

Direk Joyce works with stars who are also first timers in a TV soap—Boyet, Richard and **Alice Dixson**. Completing the cast are **Lani Mercado**, **Jackielou Blanco**, **Mark Gil**, **Barbara Perez**, **Boots Anson-Roa**, **Rio Locsin**, **Bembol Roco** and **Rosa Rosal**.

Gina observes that in the short time Joyce has been working with the cast members, the director has earned the respect of her stars, including the veteran performers.

"It's a relaxed taping environment," Gina notes. "There's no tension between the director and the stars. Joyce hardly raises her voice on the set."

Gina has a string of long-running soaps to her credit. Her "Valiente" and "Agila" dominated the early afternoon TV block for five years.

"You have to know how to play or 'cheat' using the characters in the soap, so you can create the twists and turns in the story," she grants. "You have to make revelations that will surprise the audience because they look forward to those. Competition is tough."

Boyet plays the rich Lemuel Verder, a mining engineer-turned-restaurateur whose character changes from "black to gray" as the plot thickens, according to Gina.

Richard is the poor man Waldo Sandoval, a diver.

Lani is Lemuel's *contravida* wife, Madonna Verder. Alice is Waldo's infidel and ambitious wife, Mia Sandoval.

Gina says even the supporting cast members play substantial parts in the soap. "You don't just present the likes of Barbara Perez, Boots Anson-Roa or Rosa Rosal in the story and make their character eventually die," she says. "You have to make their characters prominent, essential and interesting.

The encounters between Boyet and Richard as Lemuel and Waldo, highlighted by fight scenes, are must-see parts of the soap, says Gina.

Young talents who are also in the cast are **Krista Ranillo**, **AJ Eigenmann**, **Chubi del Rosario** and **Karen de los Reyes**.

Gina believes that soaps are not just a trend but will always be a part of the lives of Filipino viewers.

"Even if the characters are dumb or are ridiculed in the story, viewers are entertained," she says. "With the cast members of this soap, we are confident we have an edge and this will make a mark on Philippine TV."

Alma hurt by Kris' admission

ALMA Moreno did not mince words when she talked about the reportedly short-lived romance of her estranged husband, Parañaque Mayor **Joey Marquez** and **Kris Aquino**.

When Alma appeared on GMA 7's "Star Talk" last Saturday, she said she still believes that the Joey-Kris affair is not really over yet.

"I know *sila pa rin* up to now," Alma said.

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She said it was painful for her to hear Kris confess on nationwide TV about her (Kris) relationship with Joey.

"My children were also hurt," said Alma, who has three children with Joey—**Yeoj**, **Win-Win** and **VJ**—plus an adopted daughter, **Em-Em**.

"At that time Kris admitted it, Joey and I were still trying to patch things up. The day before that, Joey even told me, *mahal na mahal pa rin niya ko.* We have reasons why we separated."

Alma does not deny that she still strongly feels for her ex-husband. But she also says she does not wish Kris any ill, nor does Alma take it against Kris that she fell in love with Joey.

"*Malaki ang naitulong sa akin ng pag-amin ni* Kris because now I know where I stand." Alma said. "If she's really in love, I hope she and Joey will really be happy."

Even if, as she says, there's no other man in her life now, Alma said she's happy with her kids.

"I gave my life to the Lord. He'll take care of me and I know everything will be okay."

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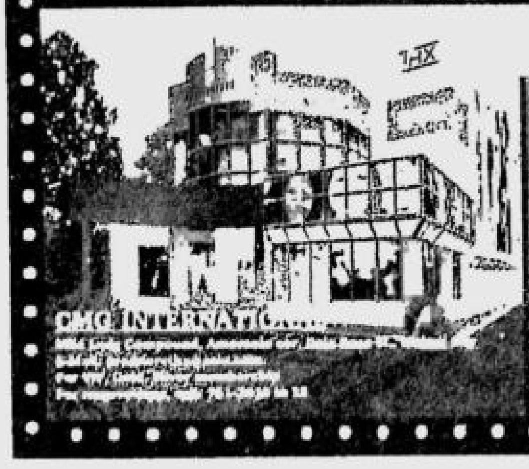

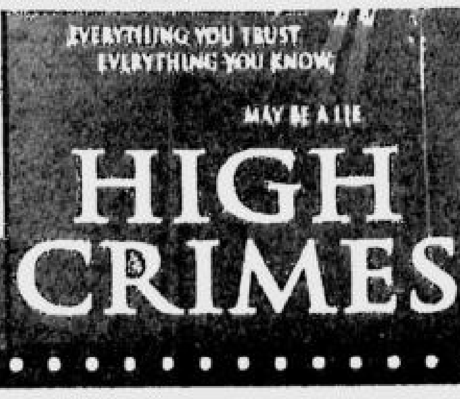

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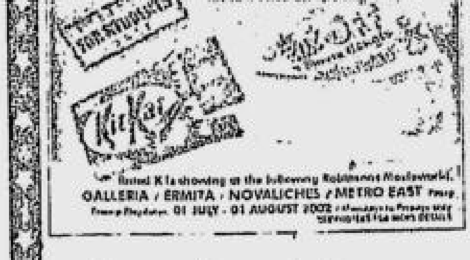
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'Saksi,' 'Frontpage' switch time slots

GMA 7's early evening newscast "Saksi" is moving to the late-night time slot, while "Frontpage" will be shown in the earlier slot to kick off what the network calls its primetime "telebabad" block starting tonight.

The network expects the switch to "catch the competition by surprise and cause further panic" among its competitors.

"Mel Tiangco's warm and sincere news reporting style (on 'Frontpage') will surely appeal to the people who watch the early evening news as they wait for their favorite teledramas on GMA's soap strip," said a GMA 7 statement.

"Mike Enriquez brings his fearless, fast-paced, hard-hitting brand of reporting to the late-night slot as he informs the late-night viewers and decision makers," the statement said.

Enriquez anchors "Saksi" with Vicky Morales.

"Expect the two legendary news programs to tighten GMA's *telebabad* primetime block," it added.

MVP and FMG

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mind for me. At that time I was with GMA, hosting both "Star Talk" and a daily early afternoon talk show produced by Viva TV.

FMG, as we all refer to him, had the guts to make a reality what he said he would—that within a year he'd make sure I was hosting the highest rated daily talk show in the country. Within five months in ABS-CBN, by April of 1997, he had made good on his instinctive gamble.

FMG is a TV genius. Under his stewardship, ABS-CBN has been consistently No. 1 for more than 12 years. He has an earthy, one-of-the-boys, mischievous sense of humor. You should hear the way he can deliver a punchline or off the cuff remarks.

He has such a strong presence, such a unique aura of leadership and charisma, that all of us who work for him stand up a bit straighter and are challenged to be more creative. He inspires us to be the best that we can be and to give even more than what's expected of us.

FMG recently asked **Pops (Fernandez)**, **Zsa Zsa (Padilla)** and me to do a project as a "favor" to him. We're all good soldiers because we have the best "general" to lead us in our latest battle.

For everything that ABS-CBN has contributed in our respective careers and our lives, we salute our boss and gladly follow where he leads.

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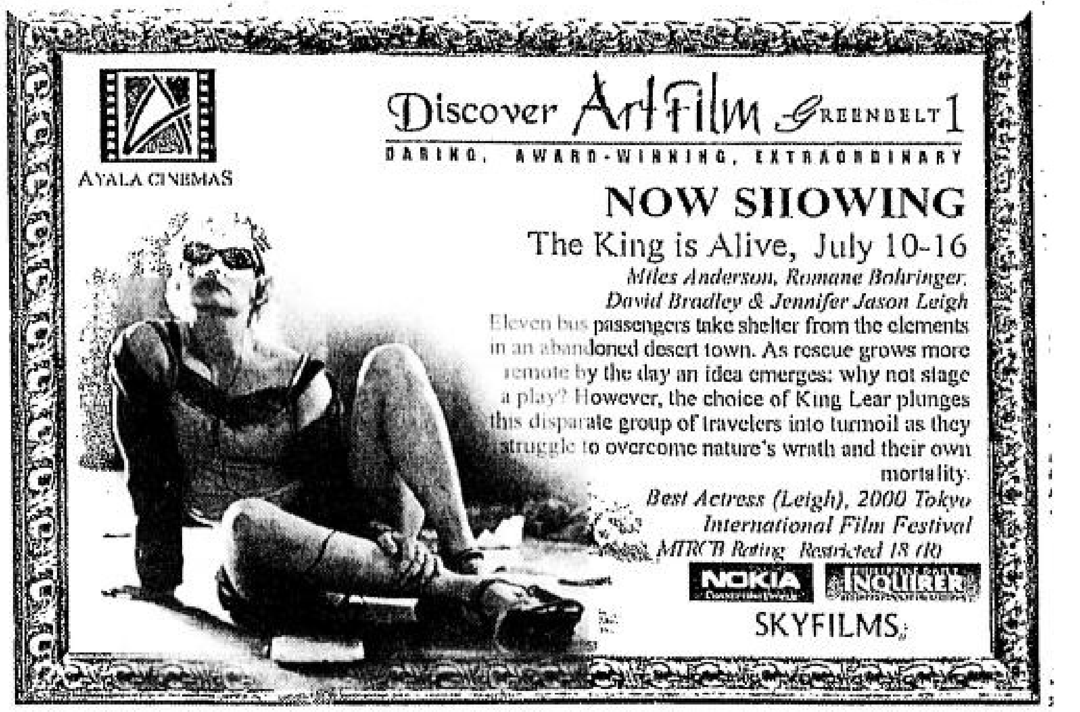
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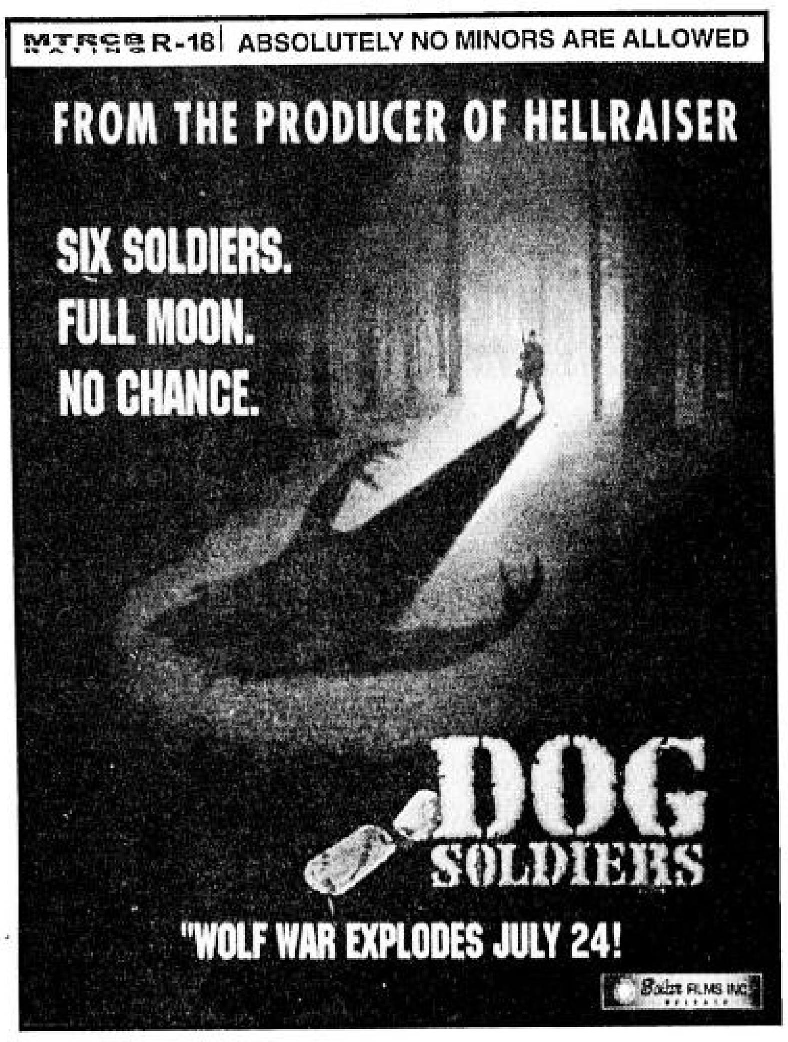
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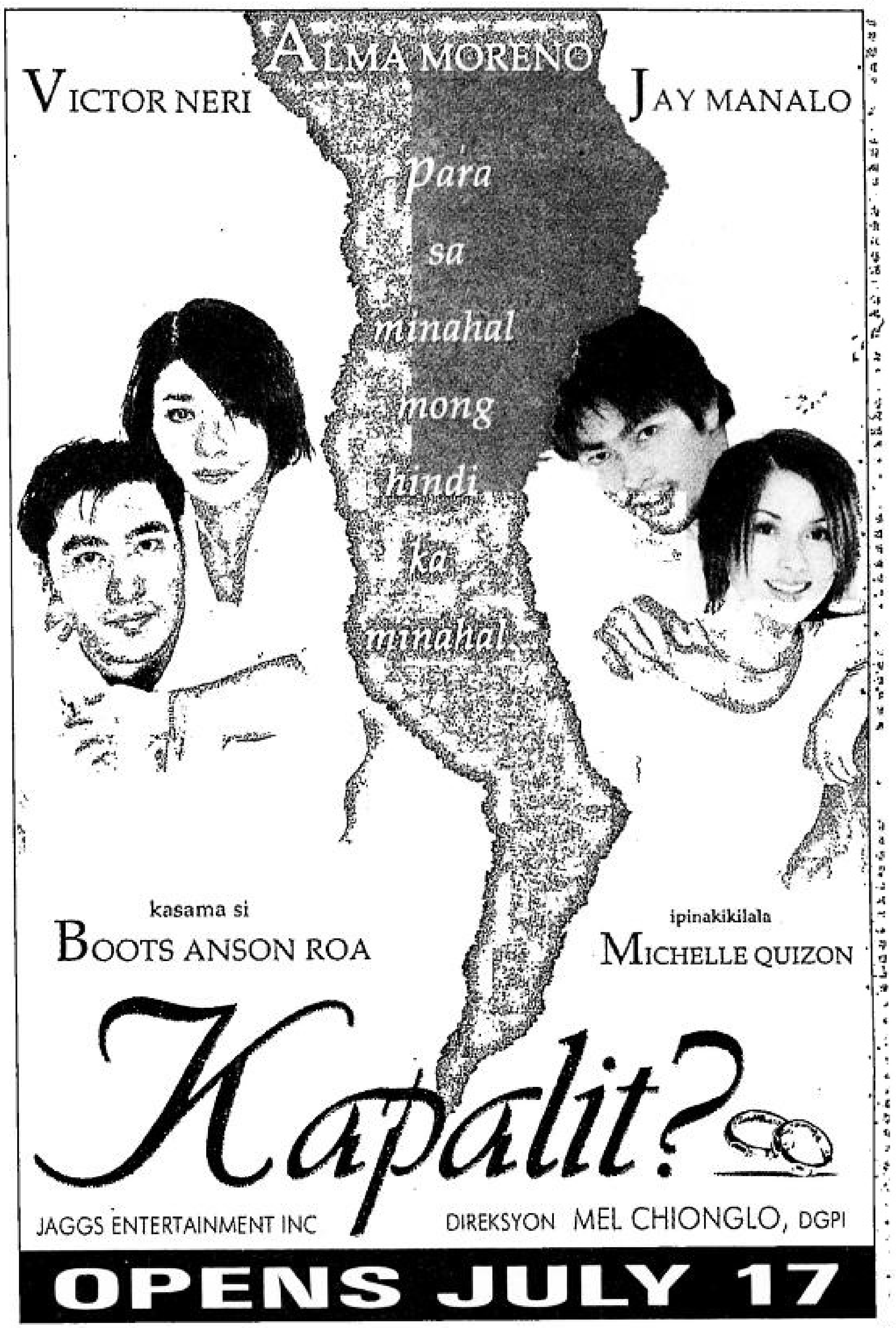
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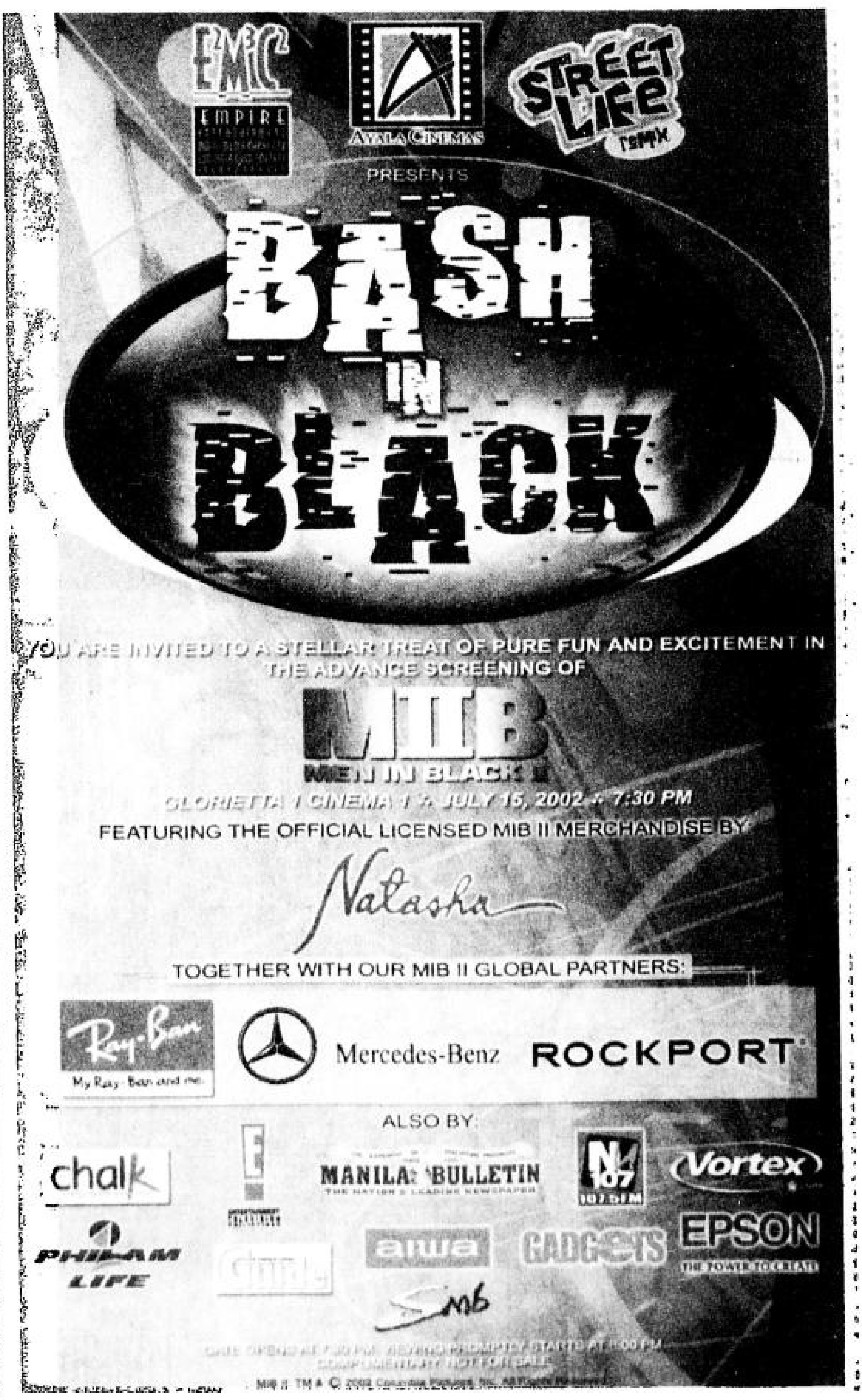
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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

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KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

I BELIEVE in astrology, both Western and Chinese.

Somehow it influences me in my relationships and career decisions, depending on the signs of the people involved. My closest friends are either co-air signs (air signs are Aquarius, Gemini, and Libra), Scorpions or Leos.

I also believe that great men must have been born under specific stars. In fact, two men I hold in the highest esteem share consecutive birthdays. ABS-CBN top honcho **Freddie Garcia** was born on July 13, and **Manny Pangilinan** was born on July 14.

Because of this column's deadline, I'm unable to give you details about my dear friend Manny Pangilinan's birthday celebration, which was actually held July 13, Saturday, at the NBC Tent at The Fort. **Boy Abunda** and I would be hosting his birthday program. We're even scheduled to do a "The Buzz on MVP" portion.

True friend

Allow me to pay tribute to a man I not only respect and admire, but I am also genuinely fond of and consider a true friend.

Manny has been thoughtful, generous and kind, and he has been sincere with his advice both regarding my personal life and my career path. Many times I've unabashedly told him that in an ideal world, he'd be the perfect husband for me because I am in awe of his keen intelligence and his maturity. He has the qualities I most prize in a man, being both self-made and highly principled, plus he's even busier than I, having so much more pressure and responsibilities (meaning we won't ever fight about the demands of my career).

He has always acknowledged how important it is for me to have my own achievements and my own sense of self-fulfillment, and I've seen that he really isn't a typical Filipino male chauvinist. In fact, despite his punishing work schedule, he has found time to keep abreast of my programs.

Manny is very disciplined when it comes to financial matters while I am admittedly very *gastadora*. I've seen first hand his concern for his co-workers, and the special care he gave his mom and continues to give his sister, sister-in-law and his nieces and nephews.

Most importantly, he is a God-fearing man who has faith in the innate goodness and the abilities of the Filipinos.

Since he didn't opt to make me his wife, I am content and truly blessed to have him as my friend for life. Happy birthday, Manny. I know that you are invigorated by the latest challenges that you're facing. I also have so much faith that you'll emerge victorious just as you've predicted.

TV genius

My hosting career is where it's at because of a fateful anniversary celebration I hosted for what was then Hemisphere-Leo Burnett, and because of the faith and instincts of one man.

This was way back in August or September 1996. Freddie Garcia was there and he told me point-blank that he wanted me back in ABS-CBN and he had the perfect show in

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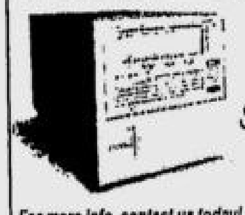

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Salims wooing Cojuangco on PLDT sale

By Doris C. Dumlao

INDONESIAN tycoon Soedono Salim is sending his son Antoni Salim to meet with Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. chair Antonio "Tonyboy" Cojuanco within the next few days in an attempt to break up the alliance blocking the sale of First Pacific Co. Ltd.'s local property and telecommunication interests to the Gokongwei family.

INQUIRER sources said that Cojuangco had agreed to meet with Salim albeit with his own agenda of lobbying for the sale of First Pacific's 48-percent stake in Jakarta-based consumer unit PT Indofood Sukses Makmur Tbk instead of the 24.47-percent controlling stake in PLDT.

PLDT sources confirmed that the Salims have been trying to set up a meeting with Cojuangco on an "anytime, anywhere" basis since the other week, which they interpreted as a bold attempt to neutralize his support amid the tug-of-war with renegade First Pacific executive chair Manuel V. Pangilinan or MVP, who is also corporate chief of PLDT and property developer Metro Pacific Corp.

Cojuangco had initially declined to respond to the request for a meeting until a third party sent by the Salims convinced the PLDT chair to give the meeting a try, the sources said. They added that the Salims had wanted the meeting to take place in the United States, but the meeting would instead likely take place in Manila, which was Cojuangco's preference.

Sources from Hong Kong-based First Pacific said no such meeting has been scheduled.

Antoni Salim is the president and chief executive officer of the Salim group, a commissioner of PT Indofood and a director of First Pacific since 1981.

Other PLDT insiders said the Salims' efforts to woo Cojuangco was worrying MVP, as the alliance was wary that a defection by the PLDT chair would thwart efforts to block the twin takeover by the Gokongweis of a controlling stake in PLDT and MPC core subsidiary Bonifacio Land Co.

"Cojuangco is crucial in the deal because he holds the swing vote. He has the right of first refusal on PTIC (Philippine Telecommunications Investment Corp.) shares held by First Pacific. That's enough to tilt the balance of power in PLDT," a PLDT source said.

Of First Pacific's total stake in PLDT, an initial 17.2-percent interest was bought from shareholders of PTIC, including the Cojuangco group in November 1998. Prior to First Pacific's takeover, the Cojuangco group held a 40.9-percent interest in PTIC but it eventually waived its right of first offer or refusal as shareholders in PTIC subject to the following:

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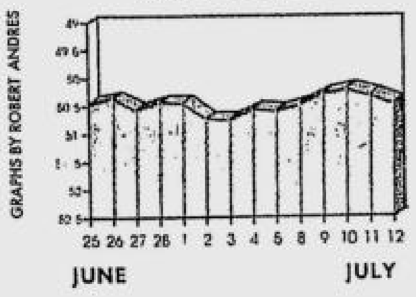

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United Kingdom	Pound	1.572035	1.554900	78.1570
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.129623	0.128210	6.4445
Switzerland	Franc	0.681877	0.674445	33.9010
Canada	Dollar	0.663835	0.656599	33.0039
Singapore	Dollar	0.578718	0.572410	28.7722
Australia	Dollar	0.565131	0.558971	28.0967
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Denmark	Kroner	0.134663	0.133195	6.6950
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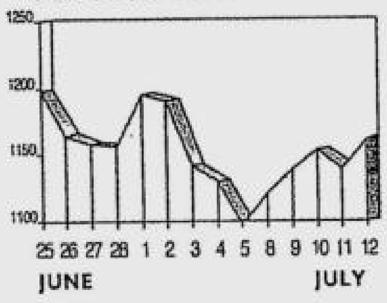

(See stock market report on Page B6)

FOLLOW-THROUGH buying from last week's rebound is expected to prop up local stocks this week as investors start to pick up oversold stocks and shrug off concerns on the government's ballooning budget deficit.

Further developments on the Gokongweis' takeover bid of local telecommunications giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. are also being eagerly awaited by the market. This is in view of attempts to take over a majority stake in property developer Bonifacio Land Co. as part of the $500-$600 million strategy drawn up by the local management led by Manuel V. Pangilinan to foil the twin PLDT-BLC deal without engaging in a bidding war with the Gokongweis.

Villamor Vital, president of Worldwide Investment Management Co. of the Philippines (Winvest), which manages a P1-billion mutual fund for state pension fund Government Service Insurance System, said he expected the main-share Philippine Stock Exchange composite index (Phisix) to target the 1,200 resistance this week.

The Phisix rose by 3.75 percent last week to close at 1,161.69 on Friday. The market is closed today due to the local barangay elections but will resume trading tomorrow.

BARGAIN-HUNTING/ B6

SGS hopes for fast settlement of RP dispute

ZURICH—SGS, the world's largest inspection services group, said on Friday it looked forward to rapid settlement of a dispute with the Philippines over millions of Swiss francs in unpaid fees, but would push on with legal action started in a Washington arbitration court.

A spokesperson for Geneva-based Societe Generale de Surveillance said he hoped a settlement could now be found soon, perhaps even before an arbitration procedure.

SGS said it has over 200 million Swiss francs ($135 million) in bills outstanding with Manila for services rendered between 1998 and 2000.

On June 6 the group filed its case with the International Center for Settlement of Investments Disputes (Case No ARB/02/6) but the tribunal to review the case has not yet been formed.

The Icsid is part of the World Bank and the bilateral agreement between Switzerland and the Philippines on investment protection provides for arbitration by this body.

The filing is part of new chief executive Sergio Marchionne's bid to get tough on bad payers.

On Thursday, Finance Secretary Jose Camacho said his government was committed to paying SGS for services rendered from 1998 to 2000, but payments had to be approved by Congress.

SGS handled pre-shipment inspection services for the country's customs bureau for 14 years before its contract was terminated in March 2000.

Former President Joseph Estrada's administration questioned SGS billings as being too high and delayed payments.

The present government, still reviewing the issue, does not have appropriation for the payment at the moment and is running a deficit.

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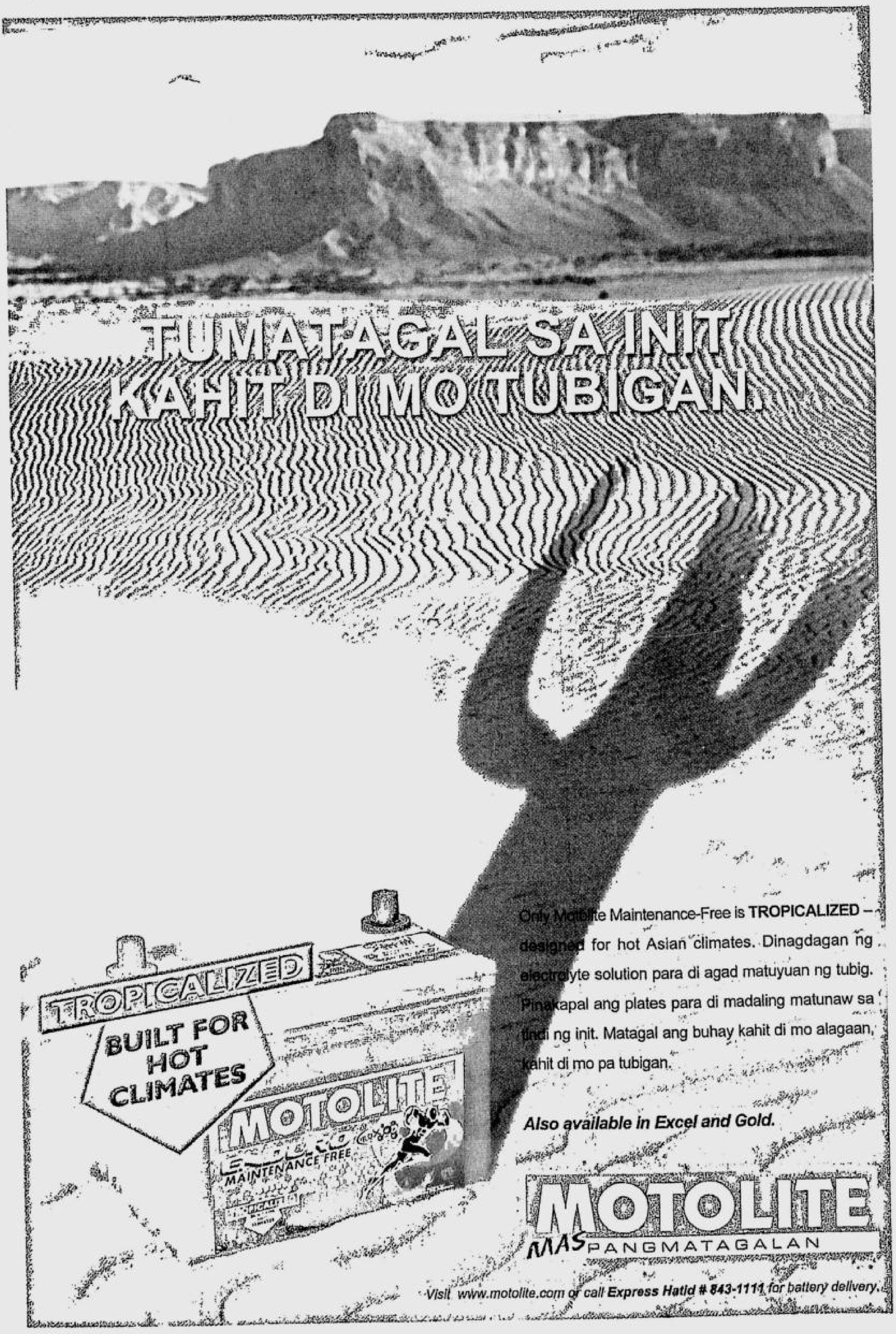

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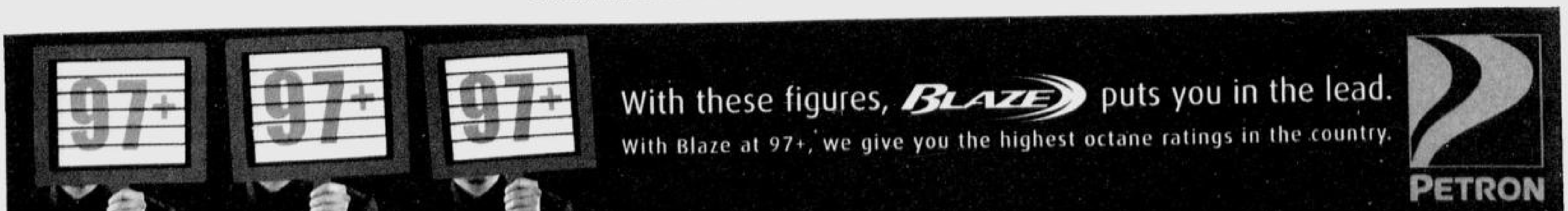

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BSP warns public against fund scams

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas is warning the public anew against investing in suspicious companies offering interest rates ranging from 60 percent to more than 100 percent yearly.

Two cases of these types of investment scams erupted last week and victimized mostly policemen and soldiers who placed their money with either ICS Exports Inc. or Glasgow Credit and Collection Services Inc.

"Based on our inquiries and complaints, there had been a proliferation of companies accepting pseudo-deposits from the public," BSP Deputy Governor Alberto Reyes said.

The central bank official explained that the suspicious firms reportedly offered a monthly interest ranging from 5 to more than 10 percent.

In the case of Glasgow Credit and Collection, sources said the company promised a return of 15 percent a month on a minimum investment of P50,000 or a whopping P7,500 interest income a month. The company also accepted P10,000 worth of investments with a commitment to pay a monthly interest of 10 percent equivalent to P1,000 monthly.

Reyes stressed, however, that Glasgow Credit was under the regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission and not the BSP because it was neither a bank nor a quasi-bank. The SEC had reportedly issued a cease and desist order against Glasgow. ***(See related story on B6.)***

Industry sources said the Anti-Money Laundering Council, the group composed of BSP, SEC, and Insurance Commission representatives, had issued a freeze order on several bank accounts of Glasgow Credit last Friday.

The council, a group that monitors potential money laundering activities, refused to discuss the issue. But industry sources said the banks where Glasgow placed deposits were Citystate Savings Bank, Export Industry Bank, HSBC, and Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.

On an annual compounded basis, the interest on supposed deposits or investments would earn between 60 and 120 percent.

Banks only offer an interest rate of about 4 percent a year on savings and a little higher on special instruments like time deposits as domestic interest rates have dropped to record lows during the first four months.

Reyes warned the public that there were trade-offs with these enticements of high interest rates because in the first place, any deposit or investment was not secured as opposed to bank deposits that were covered by an insurance of as much as P100,000 each.

"We do not know yet the extent of the operation but it appears like a pyramid scam. When these cases explode, its going to be extensive," Reyes said.

The BSP, he added, had referred the matter to the SEC, which supervises these small investment firms. Both agencies have started investigating the companies mentioned in the queries.

As far as the central bank was concerned, Reyes said only banks could accept deposits and any other company claiming to do the same was likely offering a scam.

He said that complaints submitted to the BSP mentioned less than 10 companies operating mostly in Metro Manila but some as far as Batangas.

"It is good while these firms are able to service the claims but once they cannot fulfill the promise of high returns, that's the time we will be deluged with more complaints," Reyes said.

The authorities, he said, suspected that the companies were engaged in the usual pyramiding scam.

Sources said that authorities had padlocked the offices of Glasgow Credit in Pasig City to secure important records. A lawyer from Accra, one of the biggest law offices in the country, was reportedly representing Glasgow.

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Bonds	P 518,408,873.36
Investment in Treasury Bills	163,488,003.24
Mortgage Loans	993,838.00
Policy Loans	330,724.00
Security Fund	141,244.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks	141,730,963.67
Amount Receivable from Accepting Companies	502,419,294.00
Net Life Insurance Premiums & Annuity Considerations Due & Uncollected	2,054,031.00
Investment Income Due & Accrued	20,181,284.25
Electronic Data Processing Equipment	11,431,668.00
Other Admitted Assets	3,884,794.00
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	P 1,365,064,717.52

LIABILITIES

Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	P 27,436,161.00
Policy & Contract Claims	7,446,590.00
Amount Due to Accepting Companies	2,106,157.00
Amount Payable to Ceding Companies	278,545,090.00
General Expenses Due and Accrued	71,304,388.00
Commissions Payable	5,007,835.00
Taxes Payable	2,326,756.76
Accounts Payable	2,242,105.00
Unearned Bond Discount	3,928,267.21
Other Liabilities	74,284,533.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	P 474,627,882.97

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Capital Stock Paid-Up	P 250,000,000.00
Contributed Surplus	50,000,000.00
Contingency Surplus	541,312,193.00
Special Surplus Fund :	
Fluctuation Reserve - Foreign Exchange	37,175.00
Retained Earnings	49,087,466.55
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	P 890,436,834.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	P 1,365,064,717.52

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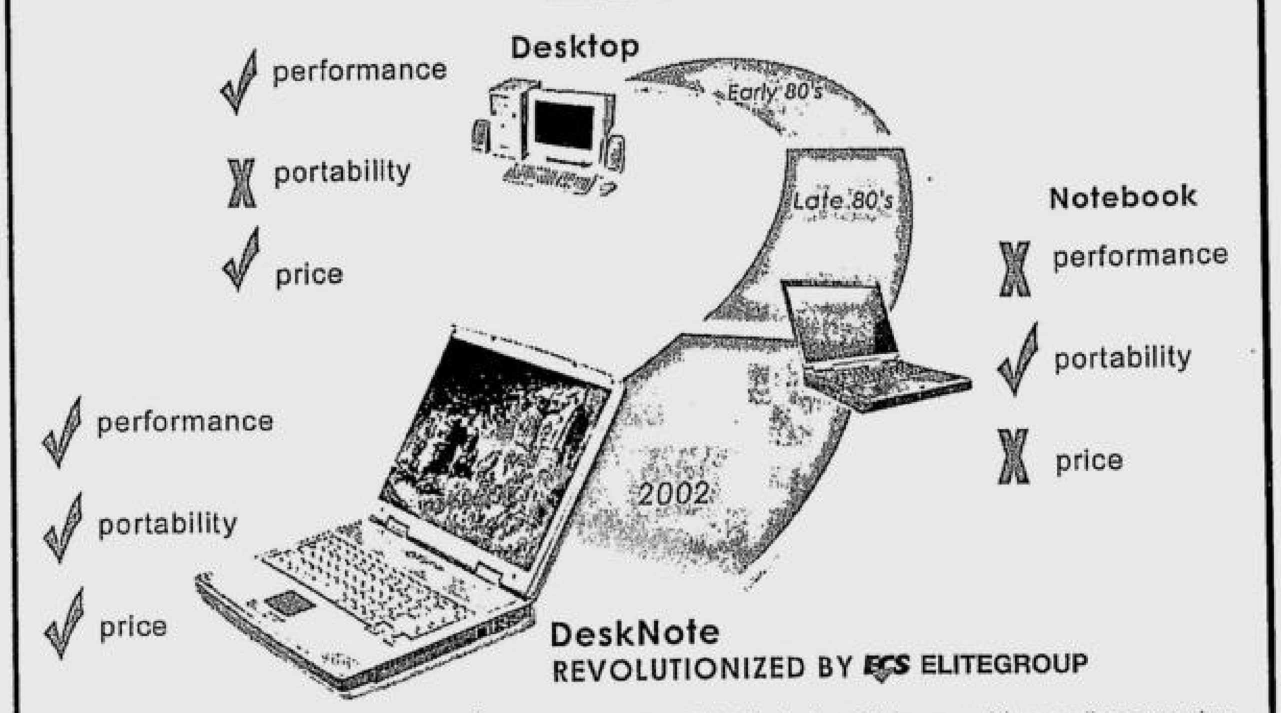

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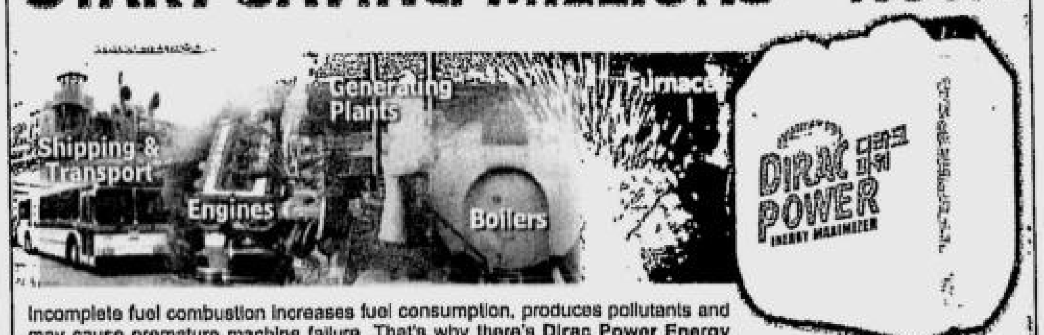

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Gokongwei's snack food project gets incentives

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE BOARD of Investments has granted non-pioneer incentives to Philippine snack food giant Universal Robina Corp.'s (URC) P165.5-million project to expand its production of potato chips for local and export sales.

URC, the food manufacturing arm of taipan John Gokongwei, will be eligible for income tax holiday of up to four years as a new export producer of premium potato snacks.

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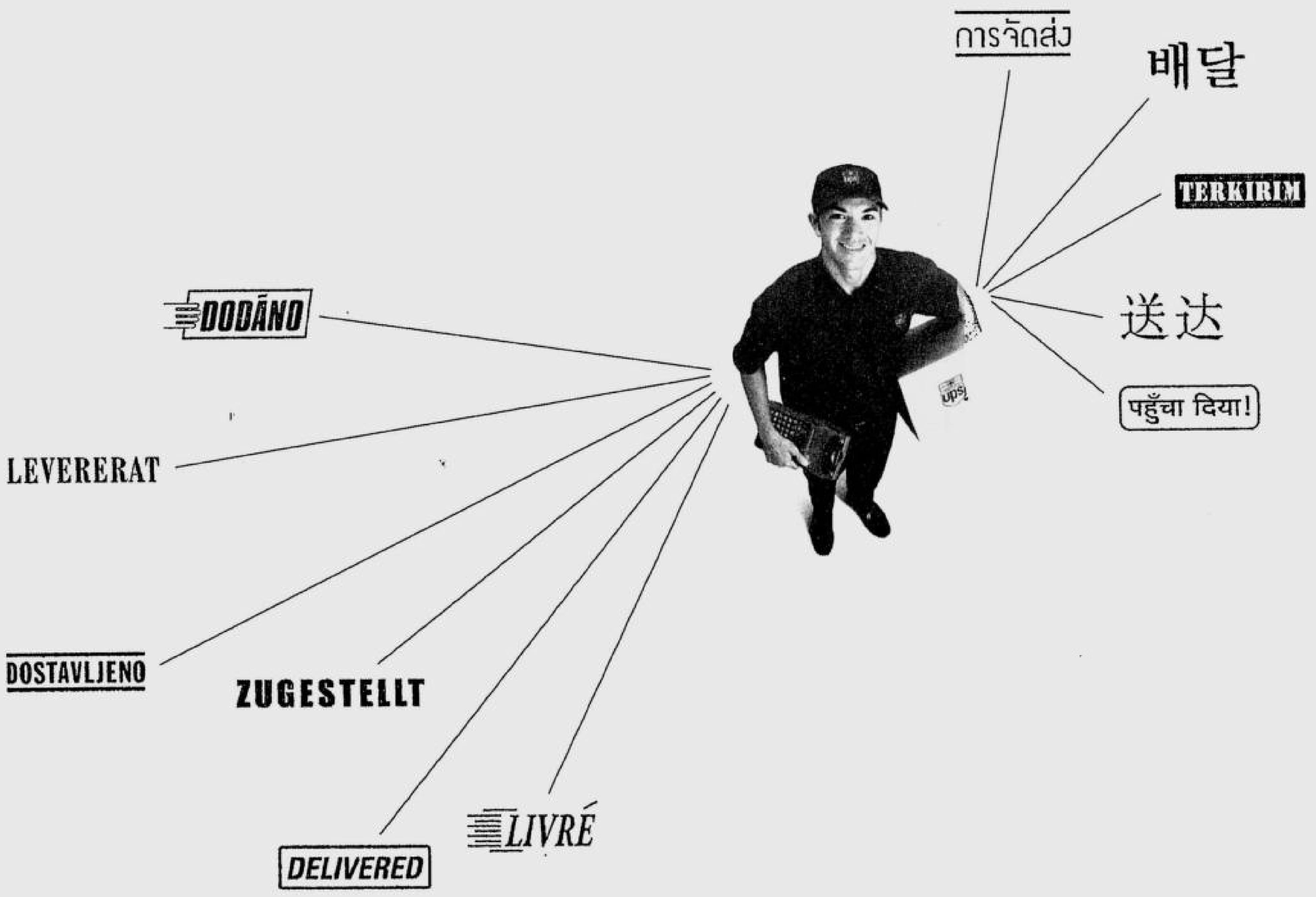

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First Pacific accused of delaying injunction

By Abigail L. Ho

THE PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. has accused its majority owner, First Pacific Co. Ltd., of trying to delay a pending court action that threatens to derail its deal with the Gokongwei group.

Persons close to PLDT chief executive Manuel Pangilinan told the INQUIRER that First Pacific's counsel had advised PLDT's lawyers that Hong Kong laws dictated that PLDT's complaint, which was filed overseas, had to be served under the rules of the Hague Convention.

The Hague Convention states that for legal documents filed in one country to be recognized in another, these had to bear an "*apostille*"—a special Hague legalization certification. This is applicable to countries that are parties to the Hague Convention, including Hong Kong and the United States.

First Pacific has agreed to relinquish its controlling stakes in PLDT, the country's biggest telecom company, and property developer Bonifacio Land Corp. to the group of tycoon John Gokongwei Jr., a move that the two local companies have questioned in court.

A PLDT source accused First Pacific of resorting to a delaying tactic, as serving a complaint under the Hague Convention was usually a "long-winded procedure that generally took more than three months to accomplish."

He said the complaint did not have to follow conditions that the Hague Convention had set with regard to the authentication of a document for use abroad.

"US Court Judge Honorable Louis Stanton has categorically stated in his show cause order that a facsimile or hand service of a copy of the complaint and the show cause order shall constitute good and sufficient service," one source argued.

"If First Pacific uses the Hague Convention procedure as a defense, which will take over three months to execute, it is clearly delaying the order of the judge," he said.

PLDT served a show cause order to First Pacific's executive director, Ronald Brown, on July 10. He reportedly received the order personally.

Sources said First Pacific's open admission of having received a copy of the complaint meant that the firm considered the document legitimate, even without having to go through any tedious authentication processes.

"The Hague Convention is not applicable here. US Federal Court procedures allow the service of the order by hand, which the PLDT's lawyers did. More importantly, FPC has officially publicly acknowledged that it has received a copy of the complaint. So why is FPC fussing about the service of the complaint when it already has a copy?" one source asked.

The US Southern District Court of New York has ordered First Pacific to "show cause why an injunction should not be issued" against First Pacific's deal with the Gokongwei group.

Also named as defendants were Holland Pacific NV, Intalink BV, Larouge BV, Metro Pacific Holdings Inc., Metro Pacific Investments Ltd., Metro Pacific Resources Inc. and Metro Pacific Asset Holdings Inc.

The New York court is reportedly planning to issue an injunction not later than July 22.

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Cash & Cash Items	P	23,875,979.96
Due From Central Bank		19,109,825.19
Due From Other Bank		61,942,544.58
Loans, Discounts & Advances (Net)		411,544,632.63
Available for Sale Sec.-Govt. Others		464,000,000.00
Investments in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments (Net)		10,720,565.18
Equity Investment in Financial Allied Undertakings		399,500.00
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (Net)		107,618,707.60
Other Assets (Net):		
Property Owned/ Acquired		35,897,557.99
Others		72,393,138.72
TOTAL ASSETS	P	1,207,502,451.91
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits	P	38,154,289.28
Savings Deposits		671,255,961.16
Time Deposits		19,379.00
Due to BSP		175,262.31
Managers Check		6,646,127.72
Accrued Interest, Taxes & Other Expenses Payable		4,034,951.06
Unearned Income & Other Deferred Credits		3,601,797.79
Other Liabilities		14,967,249.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES	P	739,455,017.51
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS:		
Capital Stock	P	441,000,000.00
Paid-In Surplus		2,222,444.00
Surplus Free		16,210,419.66
Undivided Profits		8,614,570.74
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	468,047,434.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	1,207,502,451.91
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS:		
Items Held For Safekeeping	P	373.00
Items Held As Collateral		368.00
Late Deposits/Payment Received		139,010.00
Outward Bills for Collections		541,613.84
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	P	681,364.84

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Non-performing loans and	P	7,942,278.39
Ratio to total Loan Portfolio		1.89%
Classified loans and other risk assets	P	7,942,278.39
General loan loss reserve	P	1,507,426.80
Specific loan loss reserve	P	7,667,408.21
Return on equity (ROE)		0.89%
DOSRI loans/advances	P	19,170,591.27
Ratio to total loan portfolio, and		4.56%
Past due DOSRI loans/advances and ratio to total portfolio		N-O-N-E

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Landbank clears ₱500M in water distribution loans

LAND BANK of the Philippines has approved a P500-million loan facility for the Local Water Utilities Administration to finance water projects in 120 municipalities nationwide.

"We have no budgetary allowance to subsidize our foreign-assisted projects, hence, we are sourcing funds from foreign and domestic partners," the LWUA said in a statement.

The agency said this newly signed loan from Landbank was a long-term financial assistance to the agency.

The loan will help sustain 500 of the operating small water districts and provide continuous support for the remaining 100 non-operational ones in other areas of the country, he said.

The LWUA is the government agency designated to construct water supply systems to local water districts outside Metro Manila.

Landbank president and chief executive Margarito Teves said the loan would be used to augment the funding requirements of foreign-assisted projects and other locally funded water projects being undertaken by the LWUA.

This will finance local water districts' projects in the construction, operation and maintenance of water supply and waste disposal systems for domestic, industrial, municipal agricultural uses of residents mostly in the provinces. *Christine A. Gaylican*

Public opinion surveys don't add up

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

A FEW days ago, a PDI editorial said, "In the past three months, two public opinion surveys have been published, showing a growing disenchantment among Filipinos over the way democracy works." The surveys the editorial referred to were those conducted by the Social Weather Stations and former University of the Philippines president Jose V. Abueva.

The cynic in me reacted, "Really?" So, I called up SWS. A nice lady at the end of the line kindly faxed to me a copy of the media release.

The survey was conducted in 17 days—from May 17 to June 3—with 1,200 statistically representative adult respondents. The results—with a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent at the 95-percent confidence level—were released July 4. I asked Jay Sandoval of SWS to explain the margin of error and the confidence level. I tried mightily to understand his explanation but to no avail. Probably, because how stupid of me, I called him during what should have been my siesta hour.

One of the questions asked was: On the whole, are you very satisfied, satisfied, not very satisfied, not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in the Philippines? Only 35 percent of the 1,200 persons polled said they were satisfied with the way democracy works. This finding resulted in a flurry of dismay from editors, TV talk show hosts and columnists.

With all due respect to the well-meaning people at SWS, the survey was not at all valid. The question was so broad that it could be interpreted every which way. The workings of democracy are much more complicated than a dictatorship. In a highly complicated system as a democracy, everybody is always dissatisfied over something or other-and feels free to say so.

It was quite possible that every respondent might have had a different reason behind whatever his answer was. For example, one respondent could have been dissatisfied with the way democracy works because he felt most judges could be bought; another because he did not believe the congressman in his district should have been elected. There are as many possible reasons for dissatisfaction as there are respondents. These answers cannot be added up as they are not homogeneous, or not of the same class or category. Adding them up would be like adding *mangga* and *santol* and *bayabas*.

Every question asked in a survey must elicit homogeneous answers, so that they could be added up. To attain this homogeneity, the question should be narrow, leaving the respondents hardly any room for interpretation. For instance, in the same SWS survey, the respondents were asked what was the most important non-religious holiday. Here, the answers are homogeneous. These then can be added up and the results are totally valid. By the way, Labor Day came in first, closely followed by Independence Day.

Besides, public opinion changes from week to week. The fellow polled on the first day of the survey might have had a different answer if he was asked on the last day, 17 days hence. Therefore, a survey should be conducted over a shorter period than 17 days, probably no more than a week.

Also, if SWS wants to establish a trend, it has to conduct surveys more often than every three months. On a quarterly basis, the distances between dots are too far apart that to connect them will not accurately show a trend.

Finally, public opinion surveys have a very short shelf life. The results are valid only for the period it was taken. This is why Mr. Abueva's survey results, released in April, six months after the survey was conducted, were already stale. Not only stale, but also, as public opinion surveys go, they were already ancient history. So, the cynic in me wonders why were the results released six months after the survey was conducted.

Public opinion surveys are useful and are here to stay. But, such pollsters as Social Weather Stations lose some of its credibility when they publish public opinion surveys that don't add up.

Lack of funds hampers NIA irrigation project in war-torn North Cotabato

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE NATIONAL Irrigation Administration's Malitubog-Maridagao (Mal-Mar) irrigation project in war-torn Carmen, North Cotabato, is again being threatened by lack of funds.

The government may not be able to finish the irrigation project due to lack of funds.

The completion of the project, targeted in December next year, is being threatened by rising cost of materials and the peso's devaluation, which has bloated the project cost by more than P700 million.

The National Irrigation Administration, however, said that it had allotted some P766 million to finish the construction of Mal-Mar in this year's budget.

The Mal-Mar irrigation project has been encountering delays over the past 14 years because of the unstable peace and order situation in North Cotabato.

Last year, Chinese engineers working on the project were abducted by a kidnap-for-ransom gang.

The project, jointly funded by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation and the Philippine government, is already about 75 percent completed as of end-June 2002.

In a report to Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor, NIA Administrator Jesus Emmanuel Paras said his agency would see to it that funds would be made available to ensure that the December 2003 target completion date would be met without further delay.

"NIA will definitely appropriate funds totaling P766 million to make sure the Mal-Mar project will be fully completed by end-December next year as scheduled," Paras said.

The project is expected to generate 3,800 hectares of new rice lands by September this year.

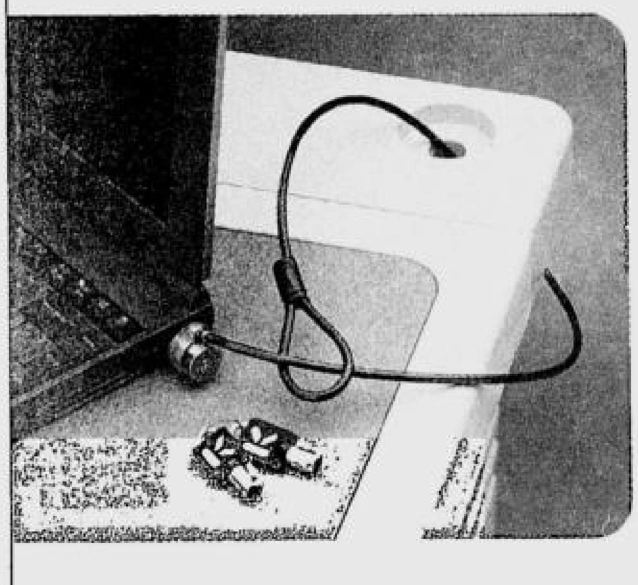
NIA took the task of delivering on that particular month not just 3,800 ha, as promised, but a total of 4,300 ha.

The NIA chief said upon the project's completion, it would generate 10,840 hectares of farmlands and benefit 4,500 farm families in Pikit, North Cotabato, as well as those in the towns of Pagalungan and Pagagawan, both in Maguindanao.

"To date, the system is ready to service 5,600 hectares of new rice lands, of which 1,700 hectares are now actually planted," Paras said. "For 2002, NIA expects to generate 1,400 hectares, and the rest of the areas will be generated next year."

In a separate report to the President, Montemayor said the agriculture department had been able to generate some 5,758 ha of new areas and rehabilitated 13,701 ha of existing irrigation systems as of June 15 this year, helping rice farmers cushion the impact of the long dry spell on their crops.

He said the Macapagal administration had also provided P4.7 million worth of loans to 735 beneficiaries through Land Bank of the Philippines, with the money spent for irrigation pumps, tubings and sprinklers, repair of irrigation canals and others.



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WG against A

THE SIMMERING boardroom squabble in shipping consortium WG&A has boiled over right after Friday's shareholders' meeting when the Chiongbians and the Gothongs, representing William and Gothong shipping companies in the three-party consortium, moved to oust Endika Aboitiz as CEO of the listed consortium.

According to the grapevine, Aboitiz managed to stave off his ouster after he warned the two Chinoy factions that he would go to court.

In addition, Aboitiz has apparently an ace up his sleeve in that any move to replace the CEO would need prior clearance from WG&A's creditor-banks.

One of the immediate casualties was SGV founder Washington Sycip, who was replaced as director by Opus Dei economist Bernardo Villegas. Sycip was allied to the Aboitizes, while Villegas was a nominee of WG&A chair Victor Chiongbian.

Ironically, Chiongbian was full of praise and even congratulated the Aboitiz-led management during the shareholders' meeting for having declared P250 million in cash dividend, representing 17 centavos/share, despite the difficult times.

Another P500 million in cash dividend, representing P0.34/share, is forthcoming later this year.

The Gothongs allied with the Chiongbian family notwithstanding the discovery that Victor Chiongbian, when he was CEO, borrowed P400 million from the company funds without prior clearance from the other major shareholders.

According to the grapevine, Chiongbian is groaning under a total of P3 billion in debts, about P2 billion of which is owed to nine banks and two leasing companies.

The Chiongbian-Gothong alliance has already caused Bob Gothong, who is allied with the Aboitizes, to be replaced by his brothers in the WG&A board.

The Gothongs hold two seats in the nine-member WG&A board, with the Chiongbians and the Aboitizes occupying three each.

The proxies for the ninth seat, supposed to be represented by an independent director, are currently controlled by Victor Chiongbian.

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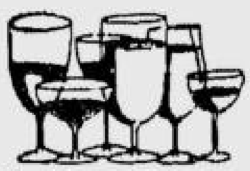

Victor C. Agustin

Super SIM swamped

SMART has found another hot-seller in its 64K SIM card. The leading cell phone company has run out of stock of the new, more powerful SIM card that customers are being advised of a two-three week waiting period.

The new SIM card boosts phonebook memory by 250 names, as against 100 of the old. An added bonus is that the SIM card's inbox can store up to 60 messages, a boon for heavy-texters.

Out to greener pasture

ON the eve of his retirement, Judge Ignacio Capulong of the Makati Regional Trial Court issued a preliminary mandatory injunction on a multimillion-peso case involving prominent personalities.

The problem with the Capulong order was that it was handed down even before the other party could present its evidence to oppose the writ application.

The Capulong order would have allowed a favored party to take over a disputed property in a landmark Legaspi Village building.

In any case, Capulong's replacement, Judge Rebecca Mariano, caught her predecessor's error and, in open court last week, stopped its implementation.

Heard through the grapevine

FORMER BCDA Chair Rogelio Singson is now working for the Delgados' Citadel Holdings, looking for possible infrastructure ventures in Guam and Saipan.

The Delgados now have a foothold in the Micronesias with their impending takeover of the Verizon telephone franchise in Saipan.

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Gokongwei's . . .

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mestic market where URC's Jack & Jill brand is the dominant snack food player. The potato chips will come in various hues and tastes packed in tall canisters not unlike the packaging of the popular Pringle's brand.

The expanded production line in its Canlubang, Laguna, plant will start operations this month. The project is expected to generate 99 new jobs.

URC is optimistic on its outlook of the food industry this year—both in the Philippines and abroad—with sales expected to grow 12 percent to 15 percent in fiscal year ending September 2002.

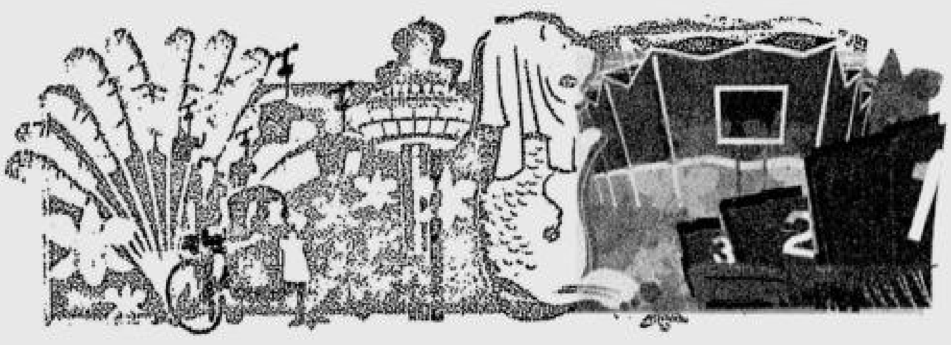
URC president Lance Gokongwei had previously stated the company's international operations (which started two years ago) would continue to gain ground and would be its main growth engine this year. Its international operation grew by 43 percent last year as its share of URC's total sales swelled to 13.4 percent during the period.

URC has already set a foothold in key markets in Southeast Asia—it has a 37-percent share of Singapore's snack market; 26 percent in Hong Kong; 27 percent of the wafer market in Thailand, and 40 percent of Malaysia's potato chips market.

URC's revenue from its regional operations grew 43 percent, accounting for 13.4 percent of overall revenues at the end of September this year.

URC is spending P3 billion this year to put up confectionery plants in Shanghai and Jakarta, expand its flexible packaging plant in Batangas, which produces raw material for flexible packaging, and build a new flour factory in Pasig.

URC currently has factories in China, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia and is keen on going to Vietnam. Aside from snack foods, URC churns out noodle, candy and chocolate products.



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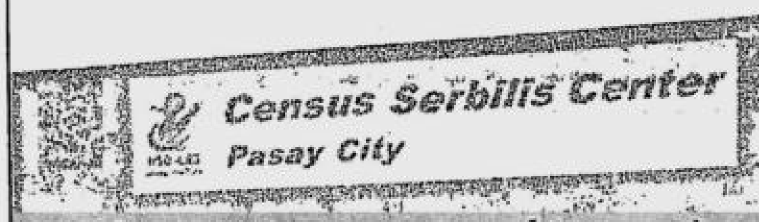

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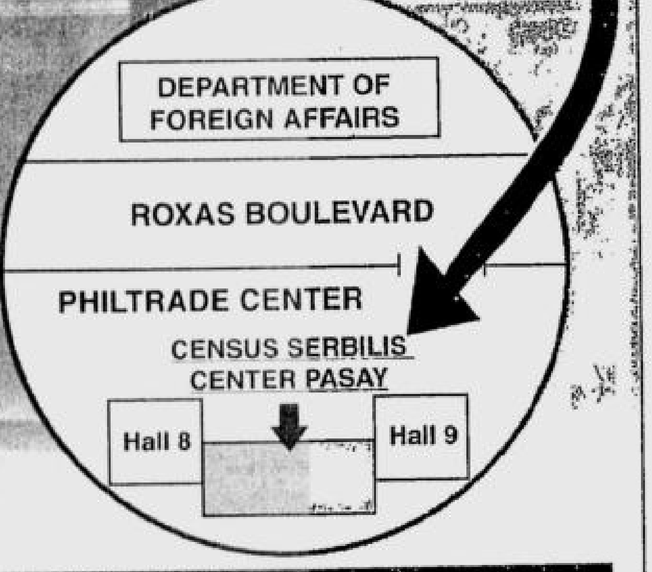

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First, TEL is downgraded, now Ally

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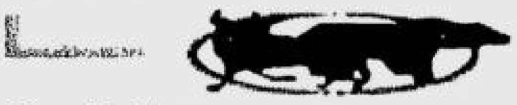

Ron Nathan

I MUST apologize to readers for missing the last edition but my cold progressed into bronchitis and asthma, and I felt too ill to write. I still have a nagging cough, and standing in the rain trying to find a taxi does not help. It is very strange but as soon as it rains, the taximeters stop working. Must have something to do with the humidity. A P50 fare suddenly becomes P200; the alternative is to wait in the Megamall taxi stand for one hour.

After Saturday and Sunday's torrential rain, I was able to get from Makati to Tektite, Ortigas, in a record time of 20 minutes—by boat. One enterprising shipping line rerouted its inter island ferries to Tarlac, where they dropped off passengers from Malabon, San Juan and Monumento. I am still waiting for my patent for an amphibious tricycle, a sure winner.

After TEL was downgraded by Moody's, from stable to negative, the shares plummeted to a low of P307.50, before staging a small recovery. Now comes a downgrade of ALLY, not Ayala Land which is ALI, but Ally McBeal. Her ratings have declined to such an extent that this is the show's last year. It is a pity, because I like that funny little man, John Fish.

While I was in the hospital getting mega doses of Vitamin C, dozens of Neozep and Sinutabs, and an expensive antibiotic, none of which did the slightest bit of good, I came upon a man who had broken his ankle skiing (in the Philippines?). He had a plaster cast on his foot and was looking very apprehensive. Suddenly, a nurse passed by and wrote something on the cast. The patient panicked, fearing that his leg was to be amputated. "Relax," said the nurse, "it's only a footnote."

Two weeks ago, I wrote at length about the crisis of confidence in the US accounting system following disclosures from ENRON, ADELPHIA COMMUNICATIONS and WORLDCOM. Two days later, XEROX announced that it had overstated profits by $6.4 billion and the stock fell 28 percent. The problem with Xerox is that there is too much duplication. They should merge with SEAGRAM'S, which makes whisky, and they could announce a new product, Scotch on XEROCKS.

I also mentioned ELAN as a likely casualty in the accounting system. This week, the shareholders called a meeting to discuss the fall in the share price, but an hour before the meeting, the CEO resigned. You can guess what happened to the share price, now $1.77, and you can draw your own conclusions about the accounting.

There was more drama to come. MERCK, a leading pharmaceutical company, announced that its subsidiary, MEDCO, had booked $12.4 billion in revenue, which it had never received. To make matters worse, MEDCO is having an IPO this week. I would not touch it, but then I am IPO sensitive. MERCK has had a murky year with its osteoarthritis drug not selling well because of unpleasant side effects. And its older drugs are facing tremendous competition from generics, now that their patents have expired.

If any readers are suffering from osteoarthritis in the knee, I can alleviate their condition without any dangerous drugs. Apart from mathematics, my background is biology and chemistry, and I probably know as much about herbal medicines as I do about technical analysis. This degenerative disease usually attacks the elderly so I don't know why I got it, but I was unable to climb a flight of stairs to my bedroom. I would end up climbing up the stairs on my hands and knees. I decided to try a natural medication, made by the body in quantity when we are younger, so there should not be any adverse reaction unless you are diabetic, in which case you should consult your doctor first.

After one week, the swelling in my knee had subsided; after two weeks, I could climb the stairs without pain. Now, I climb the Ayala flyover, 34 steps, two at a time. I would like to help other people, so if you have this problem send an email to *mrbearbull@hotmail.com* and I will reply to all inquiries.

What of our own market? The PHISIX recently fell to a new low for the year, breaking all support levels. However, despite an ever-plunging Nasdaq and DOW, which has developed DOWN syndrome, three of our leading stocks and one second-liner, appear to have bottomed. I sent out a BUY recommendation this week, the first since last November.

Everything depends on whether the second-quarter results will be better than the first. They should be, because we have a benign inflation rate of 3 percent and hysterically low interest rates. Against this background, companies should be able to produce better profits, and if so, then the PHISIX should be at the bottom. If not, then the market will remain in limbo until the third or fourth quarter.

In any event, the downside risk in entering the market should be quite small and I hope to be sending out BUY recommendations very soon. I am also planning to include charts in my daily newsletter, which should help subscribers to understand technical analysis more fully.

Late news

MEDCO's IPO has been canceled for the third time. PEPSICO has lost its fizz, as sales fell below expectation. All chip stocks have been downgraded except PRINGLES. There are no fears of Filipino companies overstating their profits, they are not making any. Monday is erection day so get it up and vote.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Friday, July 12, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	5	5	5	5	11,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	17.25	17.25	16.75	17	240,000
Banco Filipino Sav & Mort	90	90	90	90	900
Bank of the Phil. Islands	46	47.5	46	47	176,700
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	215,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	34	34	33	33.5	515,900
Philippine National Bank	31	31.5	31	31.5	36,700
Union Bank of the Phil.	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	16,900
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Manulife Financial Corp.	1310	1320	1310	1320	410
Sun Life Financial Serv.	980	980	980	980	80
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	23.5	24	23.5	24	5,600
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	370,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	515	540	515	540	57,600
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	1,600,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	5,000,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	3,000
Piltel	0.31	0.34	0.31	0.33	60,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	40,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	317.5	320	310	320	128,250
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.012	0.013	0.012	0.013	25,300,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	20	20.25	19.75	20.25	61,500
Manila Electric Co. B	29	29	28.5	29	506,400
Petron Corp.	1.76	1.76	1.74	1.76	2,609,000
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Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	50,000
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Union Cement Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	40,000
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Alaska Milk Corp.	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	10,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	7,300
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	31.5	31.5	31	31.5	40,800
RFM Corp.	0.99	1	0.99	1	130,000
Swift Food Inc.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	27,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47.5	47.5	47	47.5	62,100
San Miguel Corp. B	54.5	54.5	54	54	47,500
Vitarich Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	780,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.8	4,682,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.28	2.34	2.28	2.34	5,812,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	10,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	15,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	50,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.34	4,250,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	206,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	15.75	15.75	13.75	14.75	2,935,400
Global Equities Inc.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	200,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.56	1.6	1.5	1.5	471,000
Medco Holdings	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	100,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.69	0.7	610,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	10,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.27	0.3	0.27	0.29	12,400,000
Music Corp.	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.18	800,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	250,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.07	300,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.22	0.22	600,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Active Alliance Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	10,000
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	5,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.31	470,000
Acesite Phils Hotel Corp.	5	5	4.5	4.5	15,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	24	24.25	24	24.25	860,400
Globe Telecom Hldg. (Pdr)	610	620	580	580	590
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PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,000
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5.7	6.1	5.7	5.9	14,446,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	190,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	10,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.16	150,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	11,670,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.32	2.38	2.3	2.34	2,424,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	1.72	1.76	1.72	1.76	110,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.18	0.185	0.18	0.185	170,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	100,000
SM Development Corp.	0.81	0.82	0.81	0.82	100,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.8	6	5.8	5.9	3,703,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.039	0.039	0.039	0.039	1,100,000
MINING					
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	10,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	10,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't. Corp.	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	2,900,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	200,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.003	0.003	0.0028	0.0028	85,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	50,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	20,000

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Comm'l & Ind'l	120,120,240	271,208,940.00
PRO	34,173,000	115,961,460.00
Mining	23,100,000	151,500.00
OIL	85,070,000	254,100.00
GRAND TOTALS:	263,681,330	425,644,150.00

AVERAGES		
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Comm'l & Ind'l	1,607.04	UP 30.60
PRO	537.51	UP 16.21
Mining	1,168.52	UNCH 0.00
OIL	1.23	DOWN 0.04
All Shares Index	676.99	DOWN 5.42
Composite	1,161.69	UP 22.55

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PSE offers to buy out partners in securities clearing company

By Elena R. Torrijos

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THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange has formally offered to buy out the shares of partners Equitable PCI Bank, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. and Citibank N.A. in the Securities Clearing Corp. of the Philippines.

In separate letters to the three banks late last month, PSE president Ernest Leung proposed to acquire the shares through an equity swap of Philippine Central Depository Inc. or through cash payment at book value of both SCCP and PCD shares.

"We are open to discuss with you the cut-off for the valuation and such other matters or terms of the acquisition," Leung said.

The PSE owns a 51-percent stake in SCCP while Equitable PCI and RCBC own equally the second largest stakes with Citibank taking the smallest interest.

The proposed swap is seen as paving the way for the possible entry of PSE into the planned fixed-income exchange of the Bankers Association of the Philippines.

PCD majority shareholders composed of the BAP, PSE and minority shareholders including the Investment Houses Association of the Philippines were reportedly looking to swap their stakes in PCD.

BAP executive director Leonilo Coronel, however, earlier denied that the banking group was considering an equity swap.

The BAP planned to establish this year a fixed-income exchange with a paid up capital of P500 million. It has invited the PSE to take a 20-percent stake in the proposed exchange, which would trade government securities, unit funds, commercial paper and possibly derivatives later on.

Multilateral institutions such as the Asian Development Bank and the International Finance Corp., the investment arm of the World Bank, were considering taking an equity stake in the planned fixed-income exchange.

Insurance firms and heavy issuers of corporate papers have agreed to invest in the fixed-income exchange as well.

The fixed-income exchange is seen to reduce the cost of raising capital through debt instruments and thus lower interest rates. Lower interest rates will make it easier for business to access the capital they need to expand.

Glasgow Credit ordered to stop selling securities

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has issued a cease-and-desist order against Glasgow Credit and Collection Services Inc. for alleged illegal sale of securities.

Based on an investigation by the SEC's compliance and enforcement department, Glasgow effectively issues securities to the public by promising investors monthly interest of 10 percent to 15 percent for a six-month placement. Upon signing of the contract with the investor, Glasgow would issue seven post-dated checks to cover for six monthly interest payments and the principal.

In its CDO, the commission said its records showed that Glasgow did not register these securities with the SEC's corporation finance department and that the company was not licensed as an investment corporation in order to engage in such activity.

Glasgow was incorporated with the SEC just last May. Its primary purpose is "to make business of credit and collection services and other necessary or essential activities."

Glasgow is now the subject of an investigation undertaken by the Commission motu propio or on its own initiative following numerous queries concerning the legality of the company's operations.

The SEC has established a hotline for queries on boiler room operators, pyramid schemes and other companies that may be involved in dubious financial schemes.

The hotline numbers are 725-8260 and 725-3418 and will be answered by lawyers Adolfo Gonzalez and Sarah Crespillo of the SEC's office of the general counsel during office hours.

SEC officials said that if there were any doubts whether a company was operating legally or not, the public could check by calling the hotline.

"So they will be alerted not to deal with these companies because there is an investigation or pending case," an SEC official said.

The SEC has been aggressive in shutting down the operations of boiler room operators, pyramid schemes and lending investors or other companies that are primarily engaged in the sale of securities or investment contracts not registered with the SEC. *Elena R. Torrijos*

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4.	CALATAGAN GOLF CLUB	-	20,000.00
5.	CALIRAYA SPRING	Please call	350,000.00
6.	CANLUBANG GOLF CLUB	550,000.00	-
7.	CELEBRITY SPORTS CLUB	180,000.00	-
8.	COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY	500,000.00	400,000.00
9.	EAGLERIDGE "B"	-	390,000.00
10.	EAGLERIDGE "C"	-	500,000.00
11.	EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB	200,000.00	-
12.	FONTANA "C"	-	70,000.00
13.	FONTANA "D"	70,000.00	-
14.	FOREST HILLS "A"	-	220,000.00
15.	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	-	270,000.00
16.	MAKATI GOLF CLUB (Ind.)	-	11,000,000.00
17.	MAKATI GOLF CLUB (Corp.)	13,000,000.00	12,500,000.00
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19.	MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	630,000.00	-
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30.	QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	220,000.00	-
31.	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "A"	200,000.00	-
32.	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "B"	250,000.00	-
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SGS hopes . . .

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currently in recess and will resume regular sessions on July 22.

A government team reviewing the SGS billing earlier recommended the payment of only 192.42 million Swiss francs spread out over a period of time as against SGS' original billing of 206.15 million francs.

SGS booked 177 million francs in charges against its 2001 results but said it was not giving up on collecting its outstanding bill from the Philippines and other accounts receivables. *Reuters*

Bargain-hunting seen lifting stocks

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Vital noted that last week's economic forum held by the financial and capital markets sector with the government's economic managers gave investors an assurance that the budget deficit could be contained.

"The concerns on the deficit have given way to perception on positive economic fundamentals," Vital said.

"I think the market will sustain the gains. I believe the market has generally bottomed out. Even if there would be some minor downward corrections, I think the direction is upward and it's possible to get back to the 1,600 level in a couple of months," he said.

He said blue chips like SM Prime Holdings Inc., Ayala Land Inc. and Ayala Corp., which performed well last week, would sustain their gains, complemented by the upward movements of Jollibee Foods Corp., Metrobank and Bank of the Philippine Islands.

Asked whether he thought there would be some improvement in value turnover, Vital said: "Once the leading stocks begin to show upward movement, we'll see more market players coming in and I believe interest will be perked up."

Stock market portal 2tradeasia.com said local players would wait for firmer clues if there would be any possible win-win solution to PLDT-Bonifacio Land deal within the week, which might support potential rises above 1,200.

"Some might monitor the continuity of momentum indicator improvements, specifically for stocks that primed Friday's ascent like ALI, SMPH, AC, among others," it said.

Provided there would not be any negative news from the overseas market and that today's local barangay elections turn out to be peaceful, it agreed that market indices might move higher, as buyers re-test the Phisix's ability to move past 1,200.

"Meanwhile, caution should still be exercised within a four-day trading week, as general macroeconomic risks—such as the United States' next move on the Middle East, creative accounting woes and other terrorism threats—are still present. Position for the long-term and look for stocks that are firmly supported by good fundamentals," it said.

2tradeasia.com said the Phisix's immediate support is at 1,150 and resistance at 1,180-1,200.

For its part, BPI Securities said that despite the positive indications last week, certain danger signals still haunted the market.

"For one, volumes on the uptrend have been thin (around P300 million). Higher volume was registered on the only down day in the week," BPI Securities said.

"In addition, foreign funds remain on a net selling position despite the market's general uptrend. These investors continue to take advantage of improving prices to liquidate positions. We may see the market holding at the 1,130 support level if buying support and volumes firm up. The alternative is for the market to resume its downward trek to the next support," it said. *Doris Dumlao*

BSP readies list of 'unsound' bank practices

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas is coming up with a list of banking practices considered as "unsafe and unsound" to minimize potential risks in the system caused, for instance, by the so-called creative accounting.

"The Monetary Board has asked us to refine the proposed circular on unsafe and unsound practices and enumerate items that constitute a violation," BSP Deputy Governor Alberto Reyes said.

The central bank official noted that the policy-making Board wanted a general list of activities that might be disallowed by the BSP from its standards of acceptable and prudent banking practices.

He said the BSP was hoping that the tighter rules on what is and what is not allowed as acceptable banking procedure would discourage a bank from resorting to "creative accounting" or finding out ways for financial records to hide its problems.

Among those the central bank wanted to stamp out were banks' failure to report accurate expenses in their periodic financial records, any material mis-declaration of income or losses, window-dressing activities, and even self-dealing transactions.

Reyes said the Monetary Board felt that the broad definitions of what constituted unsafe and unsound in the General Banking Law of 2000 might be a source of conflict in the future unless defined by monetary authorities through a circular.

Section 56 of the 2000 legislation provides that banks are prohibited from "conducting business in an unsafe and unsound manner."

What is unsafe and unsound is broadly defined as "the act of omission or that may result in material loss or damage, or abnormal risk or danger to the safety, stability, liquidity, or solvency of the institution."

Reyes said recommendations might be presented to the Monetary Board in the next two weeks. The central bank planners have drawn up a list of these practices to be disallowed but the items met stiff opposition from bankers during a consultation.

"They don't want us to become very specific and to just leave the discretion to them on what constitutes unsafe practice," Reyes explained.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said in an earlier interview that the central bank was determined to raise governance standards of banks operating locally to avert future disasters and bank failures caused by abuses of people who run the bank.

Buenaventura had said that most of the recent bank failures and near failures could ultimately be traced to insider abuse.

"The new law has provided us the legal basis to issue strengthened regulations on Dosri loans and the single borrowers limit," the central bank chief said.

The central bank had earlier come up with new guidelines and requirements for bank board directors who must also pass the BSP's fit-and-proper rule before they could assume the position.

The banking law of 2000 also allowed the Monetary Board to disqualify, suspend or remove any bank director or officer "who commits an act rendering him unfit for the position."

"There is a basic need for better corporate governance in our credit institutions. Banks are not private reserve of their primary shareholders to be used as a ready source of cheap credit," Buenaventura said.

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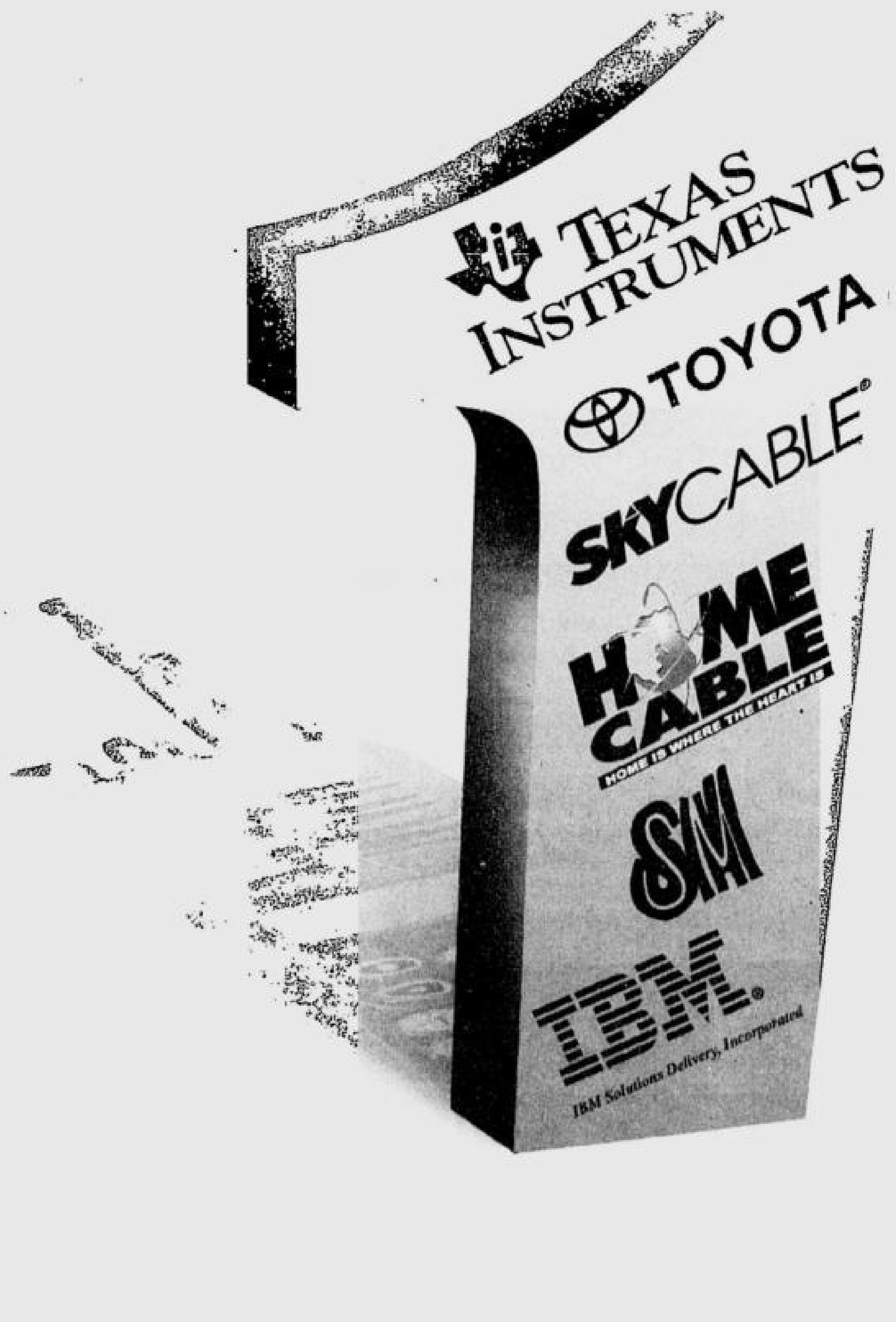
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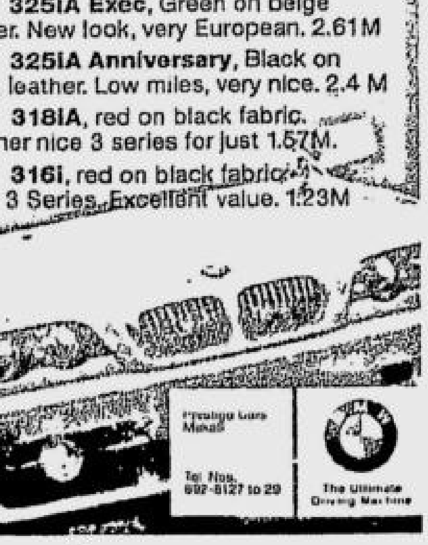

Minority owners seek share of ₱1.4-B UOB settlement

MINORITY Filipino shareholders of United Overseas Bank Philippines are seeking equal treatment in the settlement of their shares in the Singaporean-controlled bank.

But the Espiritu-led group that agreed to sell out to the Singaporean majority owner of UOB Philippines said it was "too late" for the group Farmix Fertilizers Corp.'s Manuel Tankiansee to get a piece of the action.

UOB Philippines has reportedly reached an agreement already with the group of former Finance Secretary Edgardo Espiritu and Jollibee hamburger chain owner Tony Tan Caktiong to settle the remaining Filipino-held shares in the bank for P1.4 billion.

In a letter to UOB Philippines dated July 3, lawyers of minority Filipino owners in UOB Philippines led by Farmix said their clients were also seeking full disclosure on the reported settlement reached with the Espiritu group.

"This is consistent with the duty, obligation and responsibility of your bank, as 'trustee,' to disclose material information and to protect the interests of our clients and to act in accordance with their instructions, as shareholders and principal," they said in their letter.

Piatco says Naia 3 construction not scheduled to stop this month

By Abigail L. Ho

THE PHILIPPINE International Air Terminals Co. Inc., contractor of the controversial Ninoy Aquino International Terminal 3, has denied allegations that construction of the international passenger terminal will stop this month.

Piatco vice president for public affairs Moises Tolentino Jr. said in an interview last week that these allegations were merely part of an effort by the MIA-Naia Association of Service Operators (Maso) to discredit the contractor and stop the new terminal from starting operations.

Maso is an umbrella organization of various concessionaires currently doing business at the Naia that, Tolentino said, engages in black propaganda just to protect its members' commercial interests.

"Construction is in full swing. Their objective is to put a stop to the project because they'll be out of business when the Naia 3 opens. All these efforts of Maso only show utter desperation," he said.

Maso earlier said the Naia 3 construction would stop within the month because it lacked funds to continue. Piatco's major foreign shareholder, Fraport AG of Germany, made a resolution three months ago to stop funding the project.

Despite this, however, Tolentino stated that construction of the international passenger terminal was still ongoing and that it would open in December, as scheduled.

Aside from saying that the Naia 3 construction will stop this month, Maso also accused Piatco of remitting to the government only P2.2 million of the P300-million concession fees it had to pay for the two-year construction period.

Under its 25-year build-operate-transfer agreement with the government, Piatco had to pay the government yearly concession fees, starting at P300 for the first year.

For last year, however, Piatco only remitted P2.2 million. Tolentino himself confirmed this but he pointed out that expenses for certain construction-related activities, which the government was supposed to perform but did not, were deducted from the P300 million.

"There was an earlier agreement between the government and Piatco that, upon turn over of the construction site to us, it would already be clear of any structure or debris. But the government was not able to clear the site for several, so we decided to take care of it ourselves and just deduct the expenses from the first two years of our guaranteed payments," he explained.

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2	**Lot 19, Block 8, Phase III** Pacita Avenue, Pacita Complex I San Pedro, Laguna	71949	227	1,887,600.00
3	**Lot 8, Block 1** Rosemoor Subdivision San Miguel, Bulacan	T-200548	192	446,400.00
4	**Lot 23, Block 62, Phase 3** COGEO Village, Antipolo City	T-399155	240	616,000.00
5	**No. 17 (253) Col. S. Cruz St.** Bo. Balite, Rodriguez (San Mateo)	97774	290	661,500.00
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DTI chief defends call center strategy

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry is standing pat on its strategy to anchor the development of the country's information and communication technology (ICT) sector on call centers amid mounting criticisms that overemphasis on these so-called high-tech sweatshops to lead the industry to world-class status is myopic.

Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II said call centers would continue to be the centerpiece of the ICT development strategy because this had the "greatest potential" for the country.

Roxas, co-chair of the Information Technology and E-Commerce Council (Itecc), the country's highest body overseeing policies and initiatives, said software development and programming had taken a backseat to call centers in the ICT development strategy because of the sub-standard quality of the country's ICT graduates.

"We can only sell what we can produce. I don't want to belittle the capabilities of our ICT graduates, but how can we promote software development if only 6 percent of Filipinos who took the Jitse (Japanese IT Standard Examination) got a passing score?"

Roxas was referring to the results of last year's pilot test of Jitse, an annual examination for IT students and professionals to gauge their capability and availability to prospective Japanese employers. The attrition rate of a similar exam in Japan is 17.5 percent.

"I wonder how many STI graduates passed the Jitse. I rest my case," said Roxas in an apparent dig at his cousin, STI Group president and CEO Chito Salazar, who previously aired a common gripe by his ICT industry peers over the DTI's myopic call center strategy.

Salazar, who came into STI when Eusebio Tanco took over the 18-year-old institution last year, said getting US and European firms to outsource their business served the government's immediate goal of generating investments and new jobs.

But he said the DTI should also plan for the long-term prospects of ICT industry by pushing ICT services that were in the higher level of the ICT value chain such as software development and programming.

Salazar warned that the government could easily lose the investments made by call centers because their equipment and facilities were mobile and could be transferred to other countries that would offer lower wages and more efficient workforce.

He likened the ICT industry to the garments industry which boomed in the 1970s and 1980s because of the country's cheap labor but floundered in the 1990s because the government did not push the industry to go beyond the contract manufacturing stage and move into design and fabric development.

On Salazar's complaint that the DTI was only promoting call centers in the government's ICT investment missions abroad, Roxas replied: "He should have not come."

Roxas said the call centers' critics had a "misguided and outdated" notion of these outsourcing facilities that have already generated millions of dollars in new investments and thousands of high-paying jobs.

"Our call centers are out of directory assistance and are now in very sophisticated business outsourcing," Roxas said.

Trade Undersecretary Gregorio Domingo echoed his boss' line, claiming that, in some cases, the skills required by call center agents exceeded those required of programmers because they were trained in the United States and were required to take licensing exams in the United States.

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Net portfolio inflows up 434% in six months

By Clarissa S. Batino

NET portfolio inflows grew 434 percent to $193.8 million as of June from $36.3 million a year earlier, as foreign investors steadily accumulated local stocks and treasuries despite renewed political uncertainties sparked by a leadership crisis in the Senate.

Data submitted to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas by five custodian banks showed that some $838.3 million in portfolio funds came to the country in the first six months of the year, up 4.8 percent from a year earlier's $799.9 million.

The inflows surpassed outflows, as some $644.5 million were reported to have fled the country during the same period, down 15.6 percent from $763.6 million during the six-month period last year.

These figures reflect broadly the level of confidence that foreign fund managers have in the Philippines.

In June, the net inflow stood at $26.5 million against $8.1 million in May, but the figure was still way off the $49.9 million recorded in June last year.

These figures suggested that portfolio investors were still not as confident as they had been last year, when the Macapagal administration succeeded in quelling a revolt instigated by supporters of ousted President Joseph Estrada.

The figures, however, remained reassuring, as these came amid a turf war that saw the Senate split evenly between supporters and critics of the administration.

Analysts said the country failed to gain momentum from a decision by the California Public Employees Retirement System Fund, the largest US pension fund, to keep its investments in the Philippine stock market.

While Calpers' $15.7-million portfolio investment in the local bourse was insubstantial, the fund manager's influence was extensive and a withdrawal would have dampened sentiments among foreign investors.

"The circus in the Senate negated any positive impact of the Calpers decision, and the problem with confidence may worsen, given the growing dissatisfaction of civil society groups with the Macapagal administration. This will affect the investments in the coming months," according to a banking analyst.

The growing budget deficit of the government also affected investors' sentiments, the analyst added.

Still, the central bank said it was expecting more portfolio funds to flow in the coming months, alongside an increase in foreign direct investment as the economy continued to perform well.

BSP approves use of forex deposits to finance L/Cs

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas has approved the request of banks to use a certain portion of their dollar deposits to finance the requirements of their clients in opening up letters of credit, import bills and other trade accounts.

In a circular to be issued this week, the policy-making Monetary Board of the BSP will allow banks to borrow up to 30 percent of the total placements in their foreign currency deposit units, or as much as 30 percent of their foreign trade assets, whichever is lower.

BSP Deputy Governor Alberto Reyes said prior to the Monetary Board's approval, banks could not touch their FCDUs to fund their regular banking operations.

Banks operate the FCDU unit separately from other banking operations. Currently, foreign currency deposits are worth $12.6 billion. Most of these funds are placed in dollar instruments abroad.

As of the first quarter, $5.283 billion had been lent to local borrowers composed of exporters and oil companies.

The Bankers Association of the Philippines, said Reyes, had been asking the BSP since last year to relax the policy that only made banking operations more complex and circuitous.

Reyes said banks needed to borrow dollars, usually abroad, to finance their trade operations because they could not touch their FCDUs, which were only open to direct dollar borrowers.

Banks even use their FCDU deposits as collateral to these foreign borrowings.

"This policy was approved to reduce banks' intermediation costs and to facilitate the settlement of their trade accounts," Reyes said.

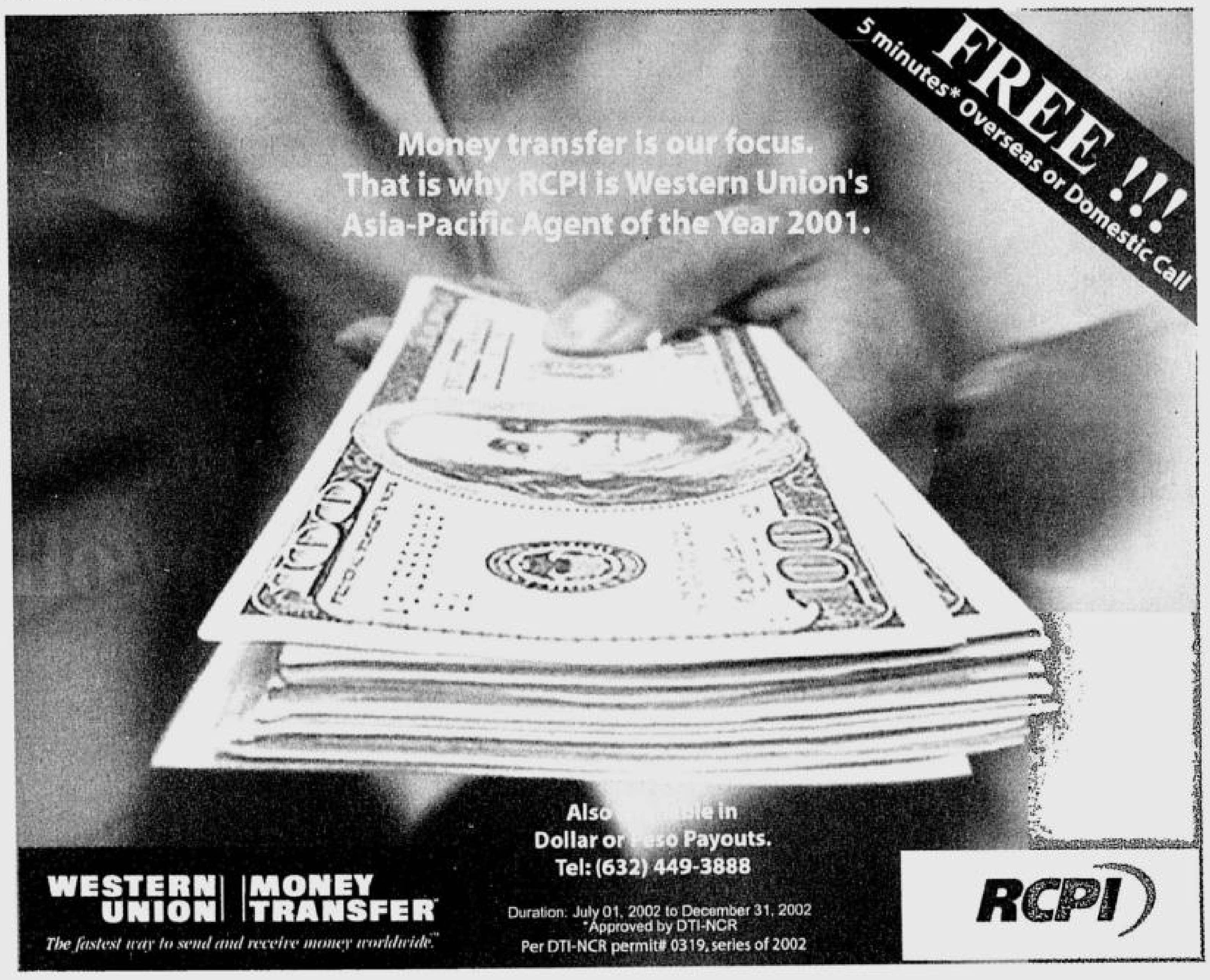
He said the costs of opening up the trade accounts should go down.

The central bank official stressed that banks should pay a market rate to any borrowing from their FCDUs to maintain the separation of the latter's functions from regular banking operations.

Allowing banks to borrow from the dollar deposit units came at a time when loans from banks' FCDUs had been declining.

Loans from FCDUs during the first quarter went down by $276 million from $5.559 billion during the fourth quarter of 2001.

Clarissa S. Batino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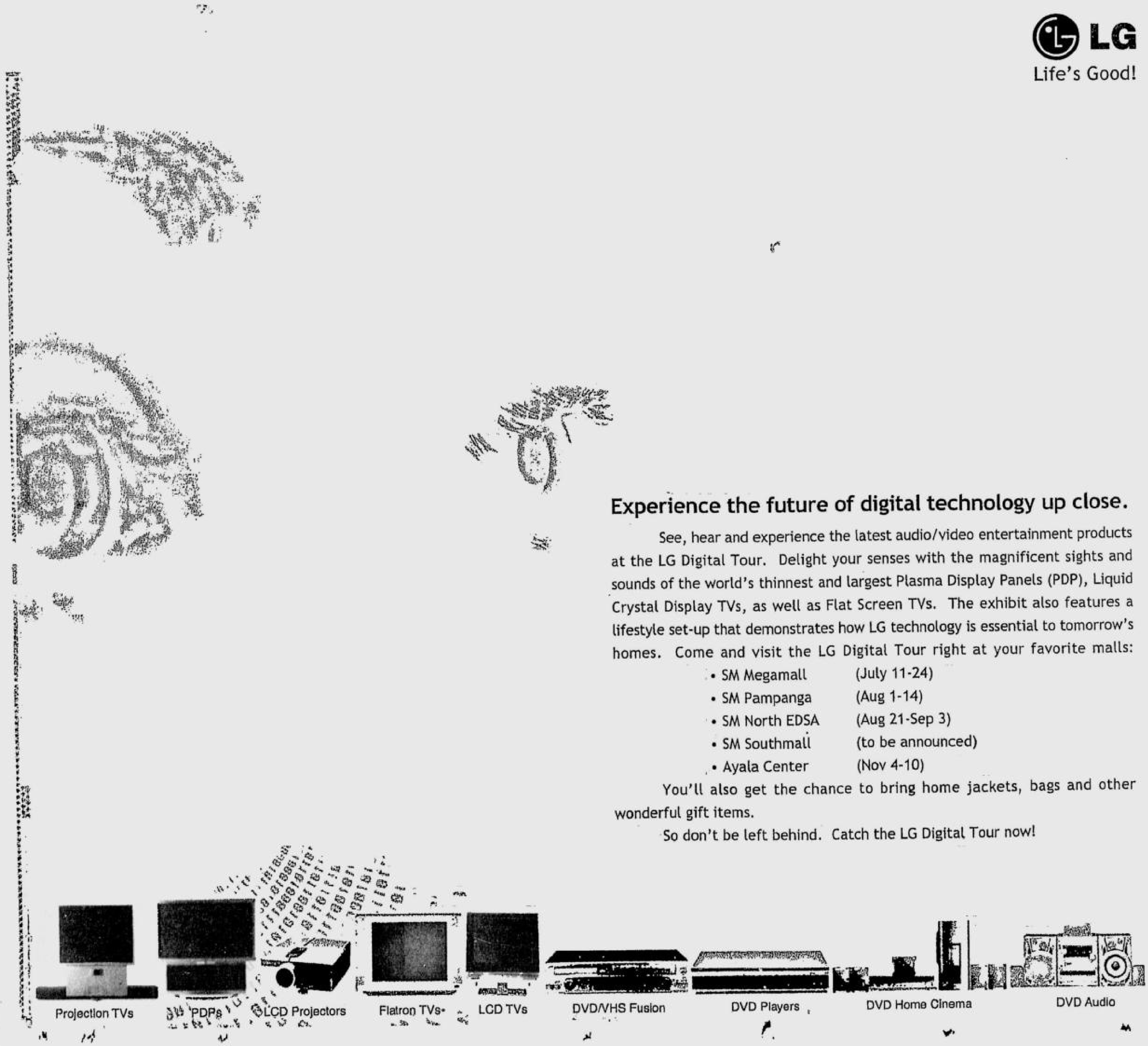

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Gov't, oil firms losing P1.2B a year from diesel smuggling

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT, oil companies and fuel distributors lost to diesel smugglers some P1.2 billion in revenues last year.

This was the finding of a study on diesel smuggling that the Asian Institute of Management's Policy Center made in cooperation with the Petroleum Institute of the Philippines.

Some respondents to the study said smuggled diesel amounted to 300,000 liters a day, but others revealed that about 40 million liters were being sold in Luzon and Mindanao every month. These accounted for about 7 percent of diesel sold in the market.

There are three methods of smuggling diesel, according to the study:

- Technical smuggling, when an importer declares less volume than the actual shipment or does not declare at all, or illegally reuses import documents; supplies intended for economic zones or for re-export are also disposed of in the local market.
- Actual smuggling through a conspiracy with government officials and by using spare storage facilities in cargo vessels.
- Smuggling in the high seas using small boats to buy diesel from tankers plying Philippine waters.

The AIM Policy Center estimated that in 2001, the use of 290 million liters of diesel was not declared. This comprised 4.25 percent of the 6.8 billion liters actually consumed last year.

This indicates heightening of diesel smuggling from 40 million liters of undeclared consumption in 1999 and 150 million liters in 2000.

Among the entry points of smuggled diesel were Subic Bay, Clark in Pampanga, Bataan, Manila Bay, Iloilo, Cebu, Palawan, Zamboanga, General Santos City and Davao.

The study said smuggled diesel was sold through agents, middlemen and independent traders whose prices were P2 or P3 cheaper than in the open market.

More than half of the retailers interviewed claimed to have been approached by such agents, the AIM said.

The institute added that smugglers go for traders who could buy in bulk, retailers that were small and independent, as well as the newly established, truckers and haulers, major industrial consumers, and end-consumers who favor cheaper sources.

Those who take in smuggled diesel risk revocation of legitimate contracts or loss of dealership with their mother companies and the loss of trust of their loyal customers.

Energy chief to press for Limay conversion

ENERGY Secretary Vincent Perez Jr. said on Friday that he would push for a shift in the fuel sources of the National Power Corp.'s combined cycle plants in Limay, Bataan, from bunker fuel to natural gas.

"I have (visited the) plants, and my understanding is that changing the boiler would do it," Perez said in an interview.

Perez said he wanted other energy firms to regard the Limay power complexes as a foothold for the introduction of imported gas into the local power industry.

"I want to convince Alstom Philippines Inc. (the operator of the Limay plants) to use liquefied natural gas," he said.

The Limay Bataan combined cycle plant A has six 70-megawatt generators, while plant B has two 100-megawatt units. Combined cycle plants can run either on bunker fuel or on gas.

The contracts for the Limay plants are two of Napocor's six contracts with independent power producers that passed the review done by a Malacañang-appointed committee.

The other four involve agreements covering the Navotas gas turbine 4, Ambuklao hydroelectric, Toledo thermal and Paragua diesel plants.

Earlier reports said Alstom was, in fact, planning to propose to Napocor the conversion of the Limay plant.

Salims . . .

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ceased to be affiliates of First Pacific and MVP, and

- The right shall not apply if the First Pacific affiliates are reorganized to become affiliates of, or transfer their PTIC shares to MVP and his affiliates.

"MVP is wary of Cojuangco because he has no hold on him. He is his own man," the source added, noting that First Pacific's entry in PLDT in 1998 had sidelined Cojuangco and clipped his powers.

But PLDT sources said Cojuangco, one of the architects of the anti-Gokongwei crusade in PLDT, had assured that his support to MVP was "non-negotiable" and would meet with Salim only on two conditions:

- first, the Salims must accept that Cojuangco is not shifting support and he is not inclined to change his mind on the Gokongwei deal, and
- the Salims must agree to consider selling PT Indofoods instead.

Cojuangco wants to help broker the sale of PT Indofoods to local groups such as food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. whose chair is estranged cousin Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, the sources said.

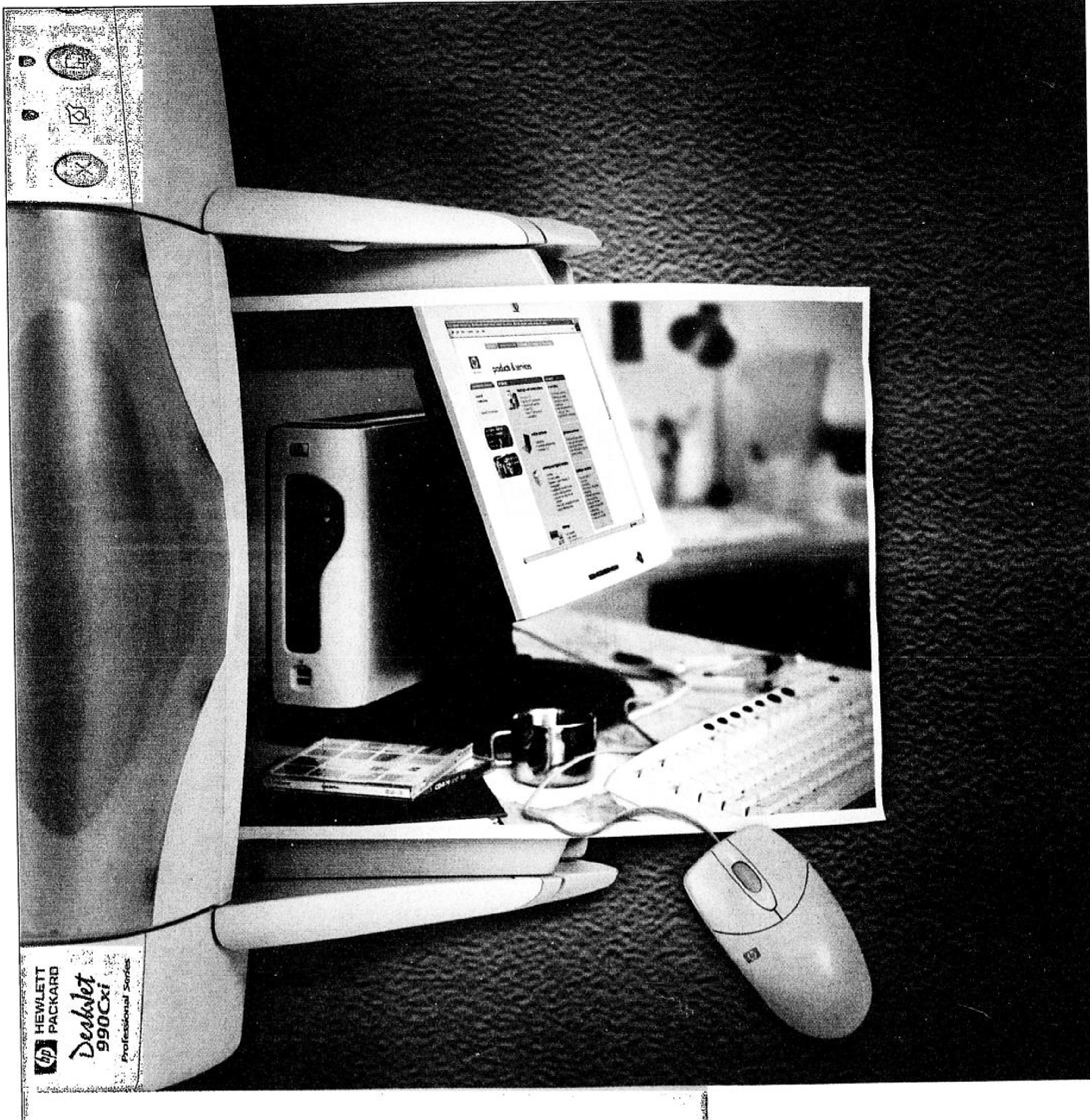
PT Indofood is the leading processed foods group in Indonesia focusing on instant noodles, flour and edible oils and fats and likewise has interests in distribution, food seasonings, baby foods and snack foods.

"Cojuangco thinks he has to talk to Antoni because he is the owner of First Pacific, hence, is also a business partner. But thee agenda has to be made clear to avoid misunderstanding," one source said.

Since PT Indofood also had high levels of borrowings like PLDT, Cojuangco believed the Salims should consider selling it instead, the sources noted.

Unlike BLC and PLDT, however, First Pacific is now starting to generate dividends from PT Indofoods. First Pacific wrote down the book value of PLDT and BLC (through MPC) by a combined $1.3 billion and PT Indofoods by some $300 million early this year.

But as of press time, the sources said the emissaries arranging the meeting between First Pacific and Cojuangco have yet to finalize the date and venue of the meeting. It was also not yet known whether Cojuangco's conditions for the meeting were acceptable to the Salims.



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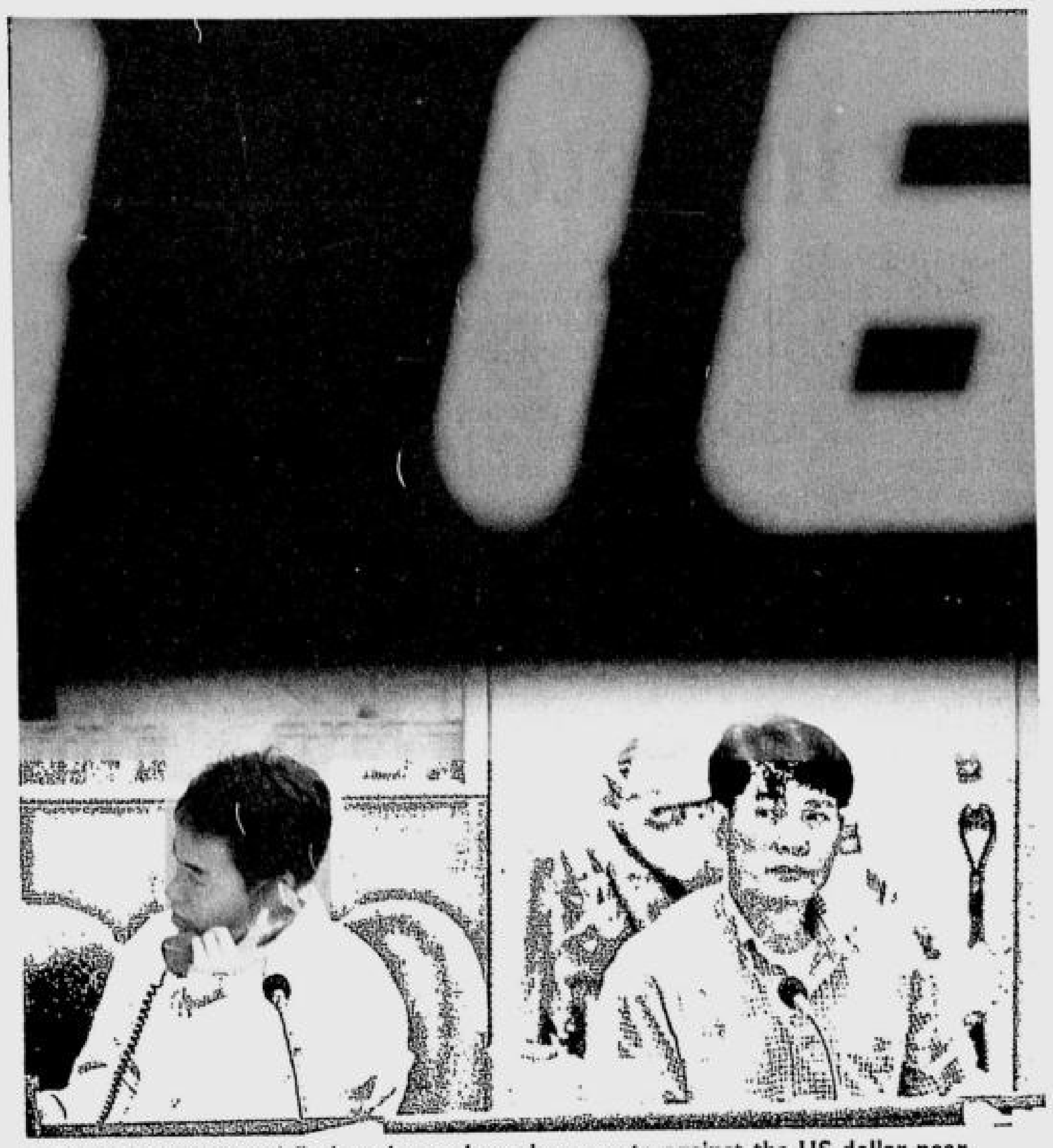
Global economy gets battered from all sides



A QUOTATION board flashes the yen's exchange rate against the US dollar near money dealers at a Tokyo brokerage firm on Friday. The dollar slipped under 117 yen as comments from Japanese Finance Minister Masajuro Shiokawa gave the impression in the market that intervention to support the falling greenback was not imminent. REUTERS

THE GLOBAL economy is in a spin because of weak share prices, corporate accounting scandals that lap even at the White House door, strains in emerging countries such as Argentina, and a slow recovery from last year's slump.

Stock markets have fallen for the past two years, with losses mounting since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks but also owing to accounting scandals such as that which forced US energy trader Enron to declare bankruptcy in early December.

In the meantime, the telecommunications group WorldCom has neared the brink and several other top companies have come under scrutiny by US authorities.

The stock market losses mean that business investment capacity needed to boost economic activity is lacking, with dire consequences for job prospects and consumer confidence.

On Friday, the International Energy Agency noted in its forecast for short to medium-term oil demand "the negative impact of the accounting scandals that have bedeviled a widening selection of leading US corporations, causing a massive confidence crisis among investors."

Stephen Gallagher, a Societe Generale economist who tracks US activity, said: "Uncertainty and the evolution of investor and business confidence constitute the biggest risks to a continued economic rebound in the second half of 2002."

Consumer spending, particularly in the United States, almost singlehandedly kept the US economy from falling into a full-blown recession in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, and even allowed it to post strong growth in early 2002.

As a result, leaders on both sides of the Atlantic now seek to shore up public confidence, with US President George W. Bush announcing a crackdown on corporate crime and European finance ministers convening to debate market stability and surveillance.

But Bush is himself dogged by reports he took $180,375 in loans from the Harken Energy company in 1986 and 1988 at favorable interest rates to buy company stock he returned once he left the now defunct firm—but not before he sold other shares worth $848,000.

The president in a speech this week denounced such practices.

Meanwhile, his vice president, Dick Cheney and his former employer US oil services group Halliburton, are being sued by an anti-corruption watchdog group for alleged fraudulent accounting practices.

Both men have denied any wrongdoing.

Markets and accounting, however, are only two of the economic weak spots.

Europe's economic rebound has slowed, not only in powerhouse Germany but also in France where industrial production fell sharply in May.

"Overall, absent a stronger global recovery, recent developments suggest that growth in 2002 may be somewhat weaker than expected," the International Monetary Fund's economic mission said Friday in a statement on the euro zone.

In Germany, the biggest European economy, major economic institutes DIW and HWWA lowered their growth forecasts this week, to 0.6 and 0.7 percent this year, and to 2.0 and 2.3 percent in 2003, respectively.

DIW said the worldwide economic upswing had arrived in Germany, but would begin to develop only in the next few months, adding that the chances of it continuing unabated next year were not good. AFP

BM, Merck show drug firms' woes

NEW YORK—It's not as if the pharmaceutical companies aren't trying to bolster their bottom lines. It's just that their efforts aren't working.

Consider the past week: Both Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and Merck & Co. suffered setbacks as strategies each employed to improve their performance backfired, sending their shares tumbling.

If that wasn't bad enough, a Senate committee passed a bill that would make it easier for generic firms to launch their products. The bill is a direct response to drug companies' attempts to extend their patents, which increases sales, by exploiting loopholes in the current legislation.

These developments are just more bad news for an industry beset by product failures, spotty development pipelines and numerous lawsuits.

The malaise has led some to wonder whether pharmaceutical companies—which many investors had hoped against hope were more solid than those in other industries—will ever regain the spectacular growth of the late '90s.

"I look at these large cap pharmaceutical companies and I just wonder if they are dinosaurs," said Eric Lucera, a senior vice president at Independent Investments LLC, a division of John Hancock Financial Services Inc., which manages $20 billion.

"We just don't need another antihistamine," he said. "We need drugs for diseases like stomach cancer, and for that you don't need 5,000 people in a clinical trial and you don't need a 5,000 person sales force. You don't need a big drug company."

Extinction isn't imminent: Most of the companies still have plenty of cash and not a lot of debt, and there is still tremendous need for their products.

According to analysts at Thomson Financial/First Call, drug company profits will fall 4 percent this year. But that is vastly better than the average 62-percent drop in profit predicted for firms on the Standard & Poor's 500 index. AP

Sprint to lay off 1,100 workers

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas—Sprint Corp. said Friday it will cut 1,100 employees and eliminate another 100 unfilled positions in the nation's third largest long-distance company's latest effort to cut costs.

The cuts will come from the Overland Park, Kansas-based company's global markets division, which includes most of Sprint's struggling long-distance business.

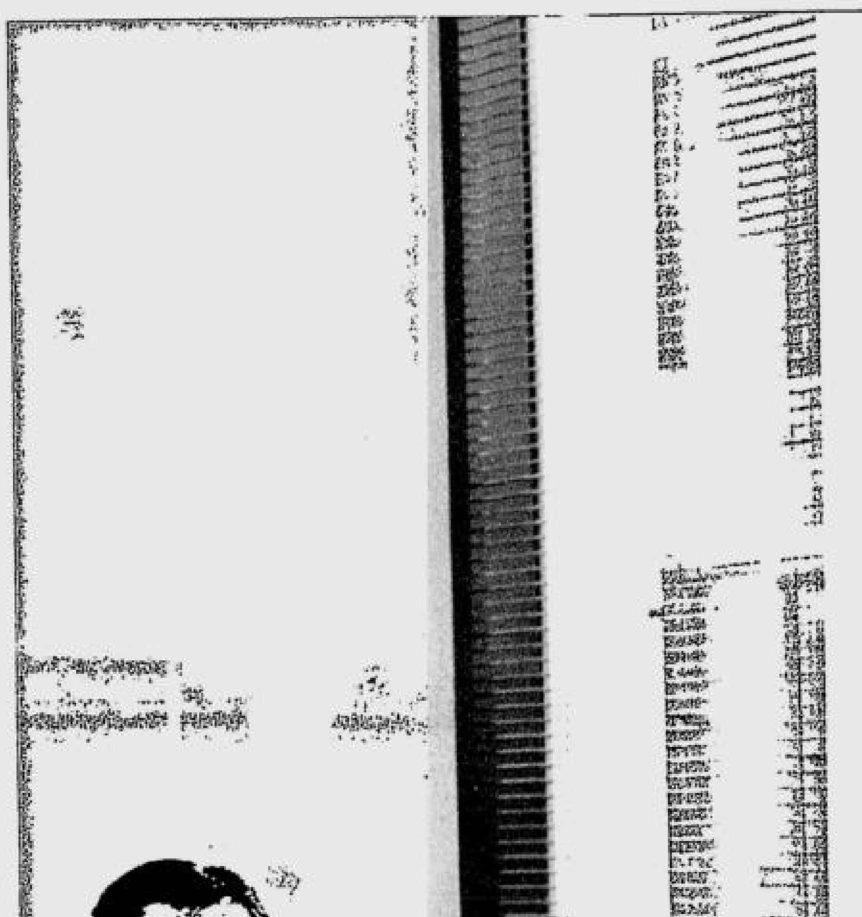
The company, which employs 80,000 people, did not say where the jobs would be cut. The cuts, which will occur through layoffs and normal attrition, are expected to occur over the next several weeks.

"We're still determining which employees will be impacted and which locations those will be," Sprint spokesperson Mark Bonavia said.

Dallas, Atlanta, Reston, Virginia, and the Kansas City area have the largest concentrations of global markets employees, Bonavia said.

In some cities, Sprint also will eliminate its digital subscriber line, or DSL, platform, which allows high-speed Internet connections, Sprint spokesperson Nicholas Sweers said. He said Sprint also plans to combine its different Web-hosting services to trim costs.

"We are making significant steps that will enhance our focus on meeting financial commitments and position us to meet marketplace demands for 2003 and beyond," Len Lauer, president of Sprint's global markets group, said in a news release.



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EXPERTS STILL OPTIMISTIC

Brutal week leaves Wall Street investors dazed

NEW YORK—A brutal week on Wall Street has left investors dazed with stocks hitting fresh lows amid a deepening crisis of confidence even though experts say the US economy is on solid ground.

In the week to Friday, the Dow Jones industrials plunged 694.97 points, or 7.4 percent to 8,684.53, its lowest level since last September.

The Standard and Poor's 500 slumped 6.84 percent to end the week at 921.39, and the Nasdaq composite fell 5.2 percent to 1,373.50, both hitting lows not seen since 1997.

Stocks traded in erratic fashion for most of the week, including some dramatic comebacks following steep losses and failed rallies, as disillusioned investors were unable to sustain any upward momentum.

"The rebellion on Wall Street was fierce this past week, with all of the major market indices closing with sizable losses for the period," said Lynn Reaser of Banc of America Capital Management.

"Investors continue to fear that more accounting violations or corporate scandals will be revealed . . . Actions by the president, Congress, SEC, state regulatory bodies, boards of directors and, most importantly, companies themselves should act to restore the trust that Main Street must have in Wall Street. That process will, however, take time."

Still, analysts pointed to a resilient economy that is likely to help a recovery for Wall Street once sentiment improves and that psychology is the biggest obstacle.

"Amid the extreme pessimism that has engulfed the equity market, hard economic data continue to portray a remarkably resilient economy," said Robert DiClemente of Salomon Smith Barney.

"Data over the first half of July have hinted that recovery is regaining some of the momentum lost in the spring. Yet the slow-motion collapse in equities has formed a dark cloud over this setting. The sharp divergence between data and sentiment cannot persist much longer."

Ironically, President George W. Bush's speech promising to get tough on corporate crooks seemed to have a boomerang effect, raising concerns of political bickering and weak enforcement.

Alfred Goldman of AG Edwards noted that Bush's plan unveiled Tuesday failed to inspire either Wall Street or Washington.

"Partisan bickering began as soon as the speech was finished as the other side of the aisle said the proposals were inadequate and only a start," Goldman said.

"This political noise increases the prospects of additional layers of rules and regulations rather than beefing up and enforcing the laws currently on the books. Actions speak louder than words and investors appear to want action. Also, fear is growing that big government will come back."

Steven Wieting, also of Salomon Smith Barney, said the purging process is likely to play itself out.

"While we don't believe the $10-trillion US economy is a mirage, we believe it would be reckless to assume that the current hunt for skeletons in the closet will not provide any further revelations of dubious accounting practices," he said.

"We hope that the vetting phase of the crusade for accounting credibility largely eliminates investor concerns regarding earnings quality . . . If there is any economy in the world capable of adjusting and addressing investor concerns very swiftly, it is the US economy."

The bond market gained, as the yield on the 10-year Treasury bond eased to 4.574 percent from 4.750 percent a week earlier and on the 30-year bond to 5.334 percent from 5.529 percent.

Bond yields and prices move in opposite directions. *AFP*

Panel: More knew of WorldCom irregularity

WASHINGTON—More people at WorldCom Inc. knew about the accounting irregularities and tried to identify the problems only to be rebuffed by the company's then chief financial officer, a spokesperson for congressional investigators said on Friday.

Scott Sullivan was the CFO at WorldCom until June 25 when he was fired for his role in transferring $3.85 billion in expenses to capital spending accounts over 15 months starting in 2001, a move that spread out the impact of the expenses on earnings over a longer period of time.

The documents were uncovered in the first of five boxes of documents WorldCom turned over to investigators for the US House Energy and Commerce Committee, said panel spokesperson Ken Johnson.

"There is no question, absolutely none, that a number of middle management people at WorldCom had a very good idea that someone was cooking the books," he said. "It's clear to us that they tried to get to the bottom of it only to be rebuffed by Scott Sullivan."

Johnson declined to provide further details. Sullivan's lawyer was not immediately available for comment and a spokesperson for WorldCom declined to comment.

The House panel demanded a slew of documents from WorldCom, including the company's recent internal audit that discovered the accounting errors, minutes of audit committee meetings dating back to 1997, as well as records related to Sullivan.

The Securities and Exchange Commission sued WorldCom, alleging the accounting move hid some $1.22 billion in losses and a monitor was installed to ensure key documents were not shredded and big payouts were not made to executives.

The SEC is continuing its probe into the wrongdoing and the US Justice Department is also investigating the matter.

Internal auditor Cynthia Cooper began a review of the company's capital expenditures and capital accounts in May. That audit had been scheduled for the third quarter 2002, but she advanced it, WorldCom told the SEC earlier this week.

Sullivan asked her on June 11 to delay the review when confronted with questionable transfers to the company's capital accounts, but Cooper continued the audit, which ultimately uncovered the errors, the company said.

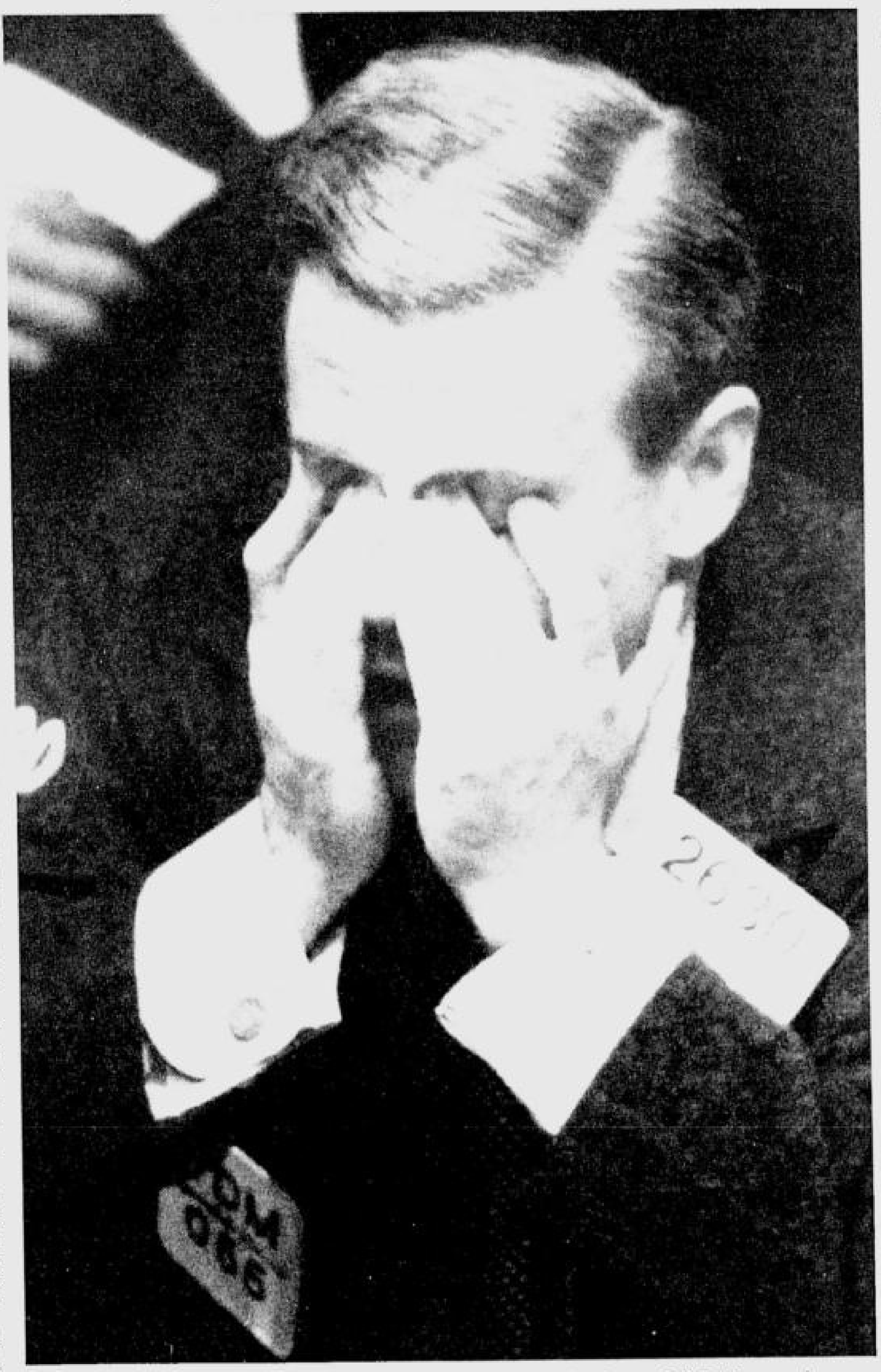
Sullivan on June 20 told the company the transfers to the capital account could no longer be supported because of the drop-off in revenue and he planned to write them down in the second quarter to take care of the problem, according to the statement filed with the SEC.

The congressional investigators were continuing to sift through the five boxes and Johnson said the panel has not yet set plans for a hearing or whether it would include calling Sullivan or the company's former chief executive, Bernard Ebbers, to testify.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, chair of the House energy and commerce committee, said on Thursday that Sullivan has told WorldCom lawyers Ebbers knew about the account transfers. Ebbers has denied wrongdoing.

Separately, the Senate Commerce Committee said it would hold a hearing the week of July 29 looking into the WorldCom mess as well as the depressed telecommunications industry.

It would likely include an examination of other troubled telecommunications companies, including Qwest Communications International Inc. and Global Crossing Ltd. , as well, the committee said. *Reuters*


TRADER David Miranda rubs his eyes as the Dow Jones begins to fall Friday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Sullen investors sold blue chips for a fifth straight day, upset over a drop in consumer sentiment and the latest questions about business practices, this time involving Duke Energy.

AP

GE net up 14%, share prices rise

BOSTON—General Electric Co. on Friday said second quarter earnings rose 14 percent as red-hot gas turbine sales carried the day, but reinsurance losses and a write-down on WorldCom bonds nicked its profits.

GE executives backed the conglomerate's full-year earnings forecast, which analysts saw as a modestly positive sign that the broader economy might perform better in the second half.

GE shares, a component of the Dow Jones industrial average, rose $1.25, or nearly 4.6 percent, to close at $28.60 on the New York Stock Exchange. So far this year, the stock is off about 29 percent, underperforming the Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

Morgan Stanley analyst Scott Davis said he expected a "relief rally" because GE offered no unpleasant surprises.

Jeff Graff, an analyst at Victory Capital Management, which oversees nearly 28 million GE shares, said there was some fear that GE would lower its guidance.

Power systems—which includes gas turbines and accounted for more than 40 percent of GE's quarterly profit—is expected to cool off in the second half as GE looks to plastics and NBC television to pick up the slack.

Third quarter profits are expected to rise up to 25 percent on an 8-percent to 10-percent increase in revenue, GE said.

NBC's operating profit, for example, is expected to surge as much as 60 percent while popular TV shows such as "Friends" command better ad prices.

GE chief executive Jeff Immelt said plastics, whose orders increased 25 percent in the quarter, is GE's best leading indicator for the economy.

But Robert Friedman, an equity analyst at Standard & Poor's Corp., said he is skeptical that GE will continue to post double-digit earnings growth.

"I see their rate of growth declining over time," Friedman said. "I don't see how you can keep growing earnings 10 to 15 percent with a company this size."

After stripping away a one-time favorable tax settlement and gains from GE's pension plans, Friedman said the conglomerate's second quarter earnings per share increased only 5.5 percent, compared with GE's stated 13 percent. *Reuters*

AOL-Time seeks new CEO

NEW YORK—AOL Time Warner Inc., the world's largest media company, said on Friday it was looking for a new chief executive for its America Online Internet unit, intensifying speculation on the future of the incumbent, Robert Pittman.

Pittman, who is chief operating officer of AOL Time Warner, returned to the online unit this year charged with getting it back on track. Pittman ran AOL before the company bought Time Warner in January 2000.

"He's really become a scapegoat," said SG Cowen analyst Peter Mirsky.

AOL has been suffering from anemic online advertising spending and a slower-than-expected migration of its Internet subscribers to high-speed services, becoming a drag on the whole group.

Tricia Primrose, a spokesperson for AOL Time Warner, said the company had hired search firm Spencer Stuart. "It should come as no surprise, because when we announced that Bob was going down to AOL in April, we said it was an interim position," she said.

The company gave no timetable, but some people with knowledge of the search said an announcement would come sooner rather than later, perhaps as early as in two weeks.

Its shares closed down 56 cents, or 4 percent, at $13.14.

The move comes amid an increasing realization that turning around AOL will take more than a couple of months.

"When they said interim, they meant he would get (AOL) quickly turned around, get cash flow growing and have a business direction and then he would gracefully step aside. That's not what has happened," said Henry Asher, president of Northstar Group, which owns AOL Time Warner shares. "It's pretty obvious that's not the course things have taken."

Investor sentiment—and morale within AOL Time Warner—have soured as its stock has fallen 70 percent since AOL bought Time Warner in 2000 in a deal whose bid to merge old and new media many now question.

"I think Pittman should be fired. He should have been long ago," said Ajay Mehra, portfolio manager at Columbia Management, which owns AOL shares. "For investors, this is a nightmare and it can't get worse. Pittman leaving is a good thing. Someone new has to come in."

Pittman, praised for his operating skills, was seen as one of the best executives to help revive AOL, which has been dragging down the overall growth of the company, home to CNN, HBO, People magazine and Warner Bros. studios.

Pittman was one of the executives who championed the company's aggressive revenue and earnings growth targets in the face of a slowing economy that devastated the advertising market. The company ultimately slashed expectations, undercutting management's credibility with Wall Street. *Reuters*

'IRRATIONAL EXUBERANCE'

Time to revisit Greenspan's 1996 speech?

WASHINGTON—When Alan Greenspan speaks, the world listens. But sometimes it can take years for his Delphic musing to bear fruit. Irrational exuberance, anyone?

It's been a miserable year for Wall Street—make that a miserable start to the millennium. But if the Federal Reserve chair was correct in his famous speech in late 1996, the carnage may have only just begun.

The omens on Wall Street are bleak. Corporate scandals have erased billions of dollars of investor wealth, while the threat of more attacks on the United States, war in Afghanistan, the prospect of war with Iraq and weak economies around the world all weigh on the market.

Perhaps the time is right to recall some Greenspan wisdom offered when the roaring US economy and financial markets were envied by all the world.

On Dec. 5, 1996, the Fed chief delivered one of his trademark rambling speeches in gravelly and grandfatherly tones. Buried in the more than 4,000 words, one phrase has reverberated ever since.

Those words, "irrational exuberance," were Greenspan's attempt to inject some realism into the stock market. But after a brief pause, stocks resumed their rise and investors continued to believe that companies—some without earnings, revenues or customers and armed only with a business plan and a pushy investment bank—were worth more and more each day.

By the time the technology-laden Nasdaq composite index hit its zenith on March 10, 2000, it had risen 295 percent since Greenspan's gloomy utterance.

The plunge that ensued is perhaps best gauged by the Wilshire Total Market Index—the broadest measure of stock values. Since the Wilshire's record high on March 24, 2000, the index has shed about 41 percent, wiping out nearly $7 trillion in wealth, the equivalent of three-quarters of last year's US economic output of $9.3 trillion.

GREENSPAN

But even after all the blood-letting, the original question remains: are stock prices still irrationally exuberant?

The Dow Jones Industrial Average still stands about 36 percent above the 6,437 level seen before Greenspan's 1996 speech. The Nasdaq composite has sunk almost back to the 1,300 level seen before the "irrational exuberance" speech.

Judged by price-earnings ratios, stocks are actually more richly valued than when Greenspan made his famous remark.

Before the speech, the price-to-earnings ratio of the stocks that make up the Dow Jones Industrial Average was almost 19, according to Wells Fargo Bank. At Wednesday's close, those stocks were trading at a ratio of more than 25.

And companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index show an even bigger disparity, trading at about 39 times earnings versus 21 times in late 1996.

In light of those valuations, if Greenspan was right in 1996, stocks may have a considerable distance to fall.

"The general statement that there is still irrational exuberance going on is still true," said Wells Fargo Chief Economist Sung Won Sohn, adding, "The market is actually pricier, even assuming improved earnings for 2002 and 2003. So certainly it's more risky now than in 1996."

And if past stock market tumbles are any guide, the future may be grim, he warned.

"When stocks go up to the stratosphere and come down, you do not rebound right away. It takes literally years just to stabilize and then it takes a while longer for the market to pick up," Sohn said. "History tells us we've got some tough rowing ahead."

But not everybody believes stock prices are too high. Among them is James Annable, economic adviser to the chairman of Bank One Corp., who bases his views in part on his belief that Greenspan was wrong in 1996.

"That's not the speech Greenspan is most proud of," Annable said. "I'm not sure he believed in it after he looked at the data more closely."

Annable said Greenspan was not sure back then that strong gains in US worker output in the 1990s were sustainable. But the Fed chief is now convinced that technology has wrought permanent changes in worker productivity.

US productivity advanced at about one percent annually in the 1970s and 1980s but soared to about 2.5 percent in the 1990s. That, Annable said, justifies higher stock valuations and higher price-earnings ratios based on the assumption that stronger productivity will lead to higher corporate earnings. *Reuters*

US recovery on track, Fed official says

ST. LOUIS—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President William Poole said on Friday that the recent slump in US stock prices was a source of pessimism, but it was not likely to throw economic recovery off track.

"I don't think there's any question that the behavior of the stock market raises concern," Poole said at an event for the Midwest Chapter of the National Association of State Treasurers.

"Is it a deal-breaker? I don't think so . . . I do not think it's going to derail the economy," he said in response to questions from the audience.

On Friday, the US stock market wrapped up its worst week since the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks last year. Dragging down the market were doubts over the credibility of corporate accounts, continued fears of another terror attack and apprehension over second-quarter corporate earnings.

A shaky stock market could mean the economy might perform more weakly than consensus forecasts currently expect, Poole told reporters after the event. However, he said he would be surprised if the stock market slump led to any major revisions in economic growth forecasts.

US gross domestic product grew 6.1 percent in the first quarter of 2002. This has strengthened perceptions the shallow slump of last year is over, but expectations are that economic growth in the ensuing April-June quarter—although forecast to be still healthy—was not quite as remarkable.

"There's no question the stock market makes us more pessimistic about the outcome for business investment," Poole said.

Reuters

EU welcomes revised US corporate tax bill

WASHINGTON—European Union officials on Friday welcomed a bill aimed at revamping US corporate tax laws to comply with World Trade Organization rules, but also said they needed to study the legislation further.

"We are pleased that there's a real effort to comply with the WTO obligations of the United States," Wilfried Schneider, a spokesperson for the European Commission's Washington delegation, told reporters at a weekly briefing.

The bill introduced in the House of Representatives on Thursday by ways and means committee Chair Bill Thomas, a California Republican, would repeal billions of dollars worth of corporate tax breaks that the WTO says are an illegal subsidy.

The measures had provided major US exporters such as Boeing and Microsoft with $4 billion in tax breaks per year to encourage overseas sales.

The WTO has ruled against the US tax provisions four times in a case brought by the EU.

A WTO arbitration panel could rule as early as next week on the EU's request for permission to retaliate on $4 billion worth of goods in the spat.

EU officials have said they do not plan to follow through with retaliation as long as the United States is making a good faith effort to comply with the rulings.

"We welcome the introduction of the bill because it moves the process forward in the Congress," said Petrof Sourmelis, the EC delegation's trade counselor.

The intention to repeal the so-called Foreign Sales Corp. provisions is "a positive step," he said.

But before issuing a final judgment, the commission must examine new tax breaks provided under the just introduced legislation to see if they comply with WTO rules, Sourmelis said.

US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick also said Thomas' bill was a "very important step" toward bringing the United States into compliance with the rulings.

However, major US exporters were less enthusiastic.

Reuters

Accenture quarterly earnings rise slightly

NEW YORK—Accenture Ltd., the world's No. 1 consulting firm, on Friday said quarterly profits rose marginally, as aggressive cost cutting helped offset the pinch from Wall Street's reluctance to spend on large technology projects.

Accenture, like most consulting companies, is still suffering from the effects of corporate cost cutting, which has resulted in weak demand for its pricey management and technology services.

Nevertheless, the company has benefited from job cuts and surging demand for outsourcing services. Accenture, which went public last year after breaking away from the now-collapsed accounting firm Andersen, reassured investors on its earnings outlook for the coming quarter and fiscal year.

But it remained cautious about the prospects for a recovery in the consulting sector, sending its shares down nearly 4 percent, or 60 cents, to $14.95 on the New York Stock Exchange in afternoon trading.

"In the last couple of quarters, the company had been making noises that the consulting environment seemed to be stabilizing," said Natalie Walrond, an analyst with Pacific Growth Equities, which did not underwrite Accenture's secondary offering in May, but helped sell the shares. "I had hoped for continued confirmation of that and my sense from the conference call was that things are looking a little bit weaker on the consulting side, which is not what we had hoped to hear."

The Bermuda-based company reported a fiscal third-quarter profit of $114.5 million, or 27 cents a share, compared with $104.8 million, or 25 cents a share, a year earlier.

On average, analysts expected a profit of 26 cents a share, with estimates ranging from 26 cents to 27 cents per share, according to research firm Thomson First Call.

"The results should be viewed favorably, given the current market conditions," said Adam Frisch, an analyst at UBS Warburg, which underwrote Accenture's offering in May and its initial public offering last year.

Accenture, which on Monday slashed 1,000 jobs, or roughly one percent of its work force, said the industry was still besieged by uncertainty and "mixed signals" for the near term.

But Joe Forehand, the company's chief executive, promised to manage costs aggressively to meet earnings targets, having already saved $30 million in operating expenses through job and pay cuts.

Reuters

BMW wins approval for China car venture

HONG KONG/FRANKFURT—Luxury German carmaker BMW AG gained a foothold in China's potentially huge market on Friday when it won government approval to go ahead with a production joint venture.

The venture with Brilliance China, China's largest minibus maker, comes after both companies waited more than a year for formal approval. As a foreign company, BMW needs a local partner to produce its cars in China.

It will mark BMW's first venture into full production in Asia, where it currently only has "completely knocked down" production units which make cars from kits.

The companies said they would build a factory to produce 30,000 BMW 3 and 5 series cars a year, starting in the second half of 2003. BMW said the cars would all be sold in China.

Of the one million cars BMW plans to build this year, only about 60,000 will be sold in Asia. The company's new chief executive, Helmut Panke, has singled the region out as a potential growth area.

Neither Brilliance nor BMW gave a figure for the total investment in the project, or the size of their stakes.

BMW said Friday's announcement was an important step, but it still had to complete formalities before the venture could go ahead. The firms have to submit a joint venture contract and feasibility study to Chinese authorities, it said.

Analysts in Hong Kong welcomed the deal.

"It will lift sentiment on the (Brilliance) stock as there had been so much uncertainty about the deal," said Patrick Pang, an analyst at South China Research.

Brilliance China shares have lost 10 percent in the past month and 15 percent in the past three months on concerns about the project's delay and media reports about government probes into its former chairman.

They closed at HK$1.09 on Friday, down 2.68 percent.

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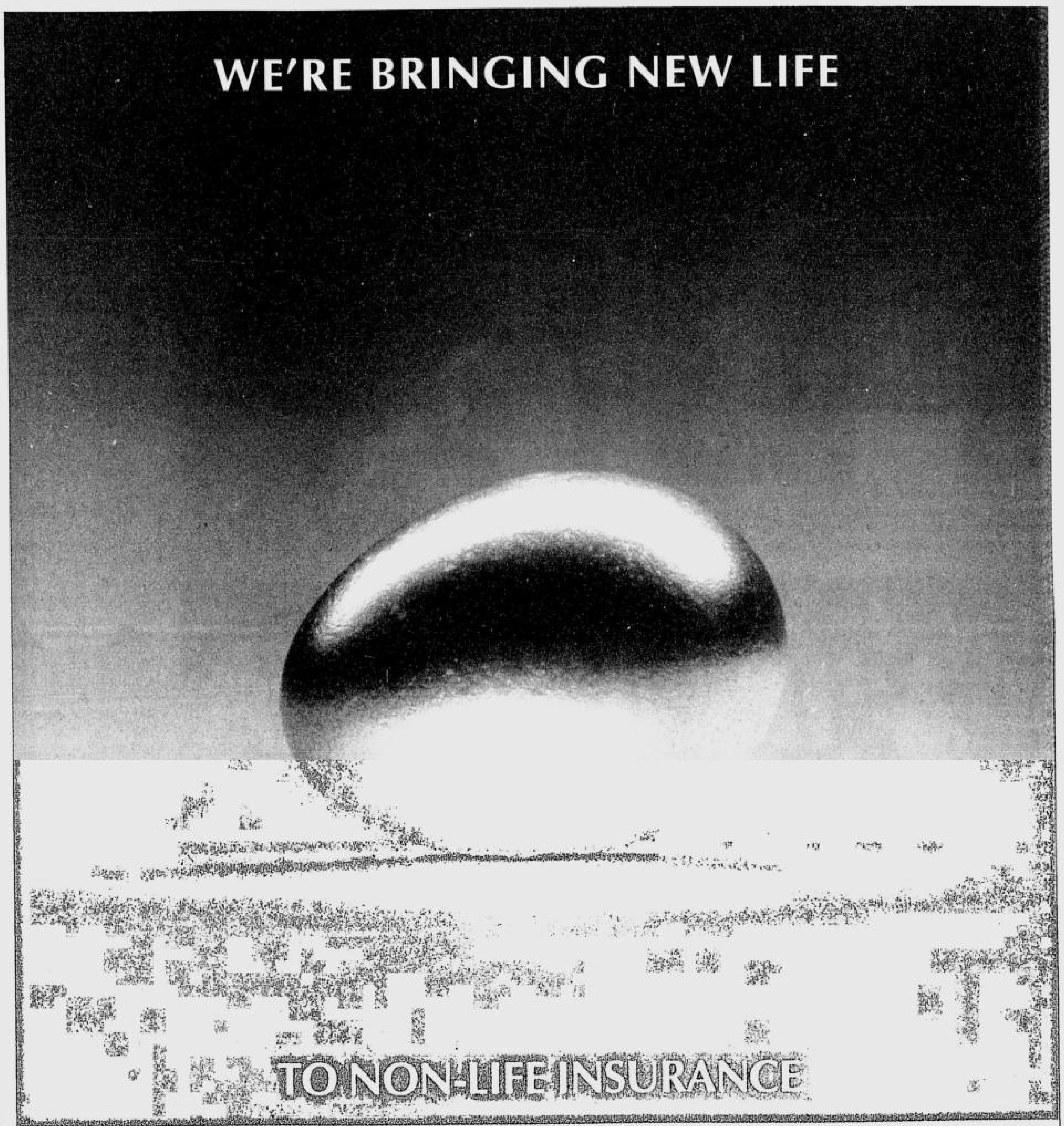

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Feeling the Vibe at The Fort

TESS Raymundo, senior product manager of PLDT Vibe, and Joaquin L. San Agustin, PLDT VP for national retail marketing, demonstrated how easy it is to surf the Net using PLDT Vibe when it was launched May 29 at The Fort.

ITO Ramirez, senior vice president of PLDT GMM retail business group and Kristine Ignacio, senior product manager of PLDT Touchcard welcomed guests Sharon Tan, Philippine Airlines manager and Dinna Revilla of Allied Bank in The Tent in Fort Bonifacio Global City.

JUDE Aguilar, Tina Ronquillo and Mike Tomacruz of Gate partied with Ricky Lim, senior vice president of SM, Jet Nery of PLDT and Bettina Bagatsing.

JUDE Aguilar, George Gonzales, Ting Estrella, Tina Ronquillo, Jayson Briones, Mike Tomacruz of Gate posed with Al Panlilio and Ito Ramirez of PLDT, Bettina Bagatsing and TV host Lana Asanin.

BITS Clips

Bitanga exhibit

DEAN Rosario Bitanga of the Institute of Fine Arts of the Philippine Women's University will open a purely sculptural exhibition at the Art Walk of Megamall. Ordinarily displaying her works every two years, she breaks this pattern this year for a limited collection of pieces of stainless steel and resin sculpture, and painted low-relief sandblast glass. The show opens at 6 p.m. of July 17 at the Big and Small Co. at the 4th level of Megamall in Edsa. Bitanga has been in the art scene for more than 50 years since she earned her Masters degree at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. She was last year's recipient of the Parangal Patnubay ng Sining at Kalinangan sa Larangan ng Pintura of the City of Manila.

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AN ADAMSON University graduate topped the Chemical Engineer Licensure Examination given by the Board of Chemical Engineering. Rey Ferdinand Delos Reyes garnered the highest place in the exam with a grade of 85.20. He led the 167 successful examinees in taking their professional oath before the Board June 15 at the Manila Hotel.

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Pharmaceutical company Merck Sharp & Dohme Philippines (MSD) inaugurated recently its MSD Resource Center (MRC) at the University of Santo Tomas Hospital (USTH) in Manila. The USTH-MRC is the 10th MRC to be established in the country. An integral part of MSD's mission of improving healthcare nationwide, the MRC provides information and computer services to help busy physicians access the latest medical information and literature search in the diagnosis and treatment of patient conditions. Leading the inauguration were (from left) Dr. Beaver Tamesis, MSD business unit director, Christine Liwanag, MSD corporate affairs director, Dr. Tito Torralba, USTH medical director, Stephanie Merida, MSD business unit director, and lawyer Pilar Almira, USTH chief operating officer. For more information, call MRC officer Marge Panizales at 732-1338 or 731-3001 local 2564, or 1-800-1-888-6737.

Magic Star-Candon City opens; Red Bull cagers lead ceremonies

MAGIC Star Image Center, a new photo-retail chain concept in the country, recently held the grand opening of its latest outlet in Candon City, Ilocos Sur. Gracing the blessing/ribbon cutting were Batang Red Bull Thunder basketball players Vince Hizon, Noli Locsin and Nelson Asaytono.

The new store owned by Jun and Cora Jimenez at the New Candon City Public Market is the latest addition to the numerous franchised outlets of Magic Star.

Photokina Marketing Corp. introduced Magic Star in 2001 with the aim of setting a new franchise concept in retail photo operations. The concept boasts of an impressive one-store design, highly competitive pricing, customer friendly service, and aggressive advertising and promotional campaign programs with the intention of revolutionizing the photo industry. It offers a variety of products ranging from cameras, to films, to accessories such as tripods, photographic lenses and even picture frames and photo albums.

Vince Hizon, Cora Jimenez, Jun Jimenez and children, Vice Mayor Nelson Itchon (who initiated the ribbon-cutting), Noli Locsin and Nelson Asaytono were on hand to cut the ceremonial ribbon.

ALI BAGS 2 BAYANTRADE AWARDS
BayanTrade, the country's first e-marketplace, recognized Ayala Land Inc. for being an active buyer in the virtual trading place. ALI received the 'Pioneering Award: First Aggregated Bid' and the 'Most Number of Bidding Events' during BayanTrade's 2nd anniversary celebration held recently at Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Shown are (from left) BayanTrade COO Dante Briones, BayanTrade president and CEO Carol Carreon, ALI vice president for materials management Juanito Rosales, and BayanTrade chair Lance Gokongwei.

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LIVECOR'S NEW PR MAN
The government-owned Livelihood Corp (Livecor), headed by Administrator Bernardo 'Jojo' Mitra has taken on the services of PR man and publicist Ayo Gunting to promote Livecor projects. Gunting has been in the PR business for years and has handled projects for President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Reps. Ace Durano and Lu Antonino, ABS-CBN Starmagic, Alta Production of Joel Jimenez and other corporate, retail and entertainment accounts.

World reels from US scandals

BRUSSELS, Belgium—Under the headline "American capitalism takes a beating," a stunned superhero in red, white and blue Spandex reels from a giant "KAPOW!"

The cartoon on the cover of Britain's Economist magazine captures the sense of surrealism many outside the United States feel as they watch one US corporate giant after another ensnared in scandal.

But there's been little gloating as financial shockwaves reverberate around the world, depressing stock prices from London to Tokyo and threatening to undercut the global economic recovery.

Instead, the fear is that no country is immune.

Prices of homes and condos in Italy have been soaring as Italians turn back to their tried and true investment: real estate.

Seeking to restore confidence, French Finance Minister Francis Mer said Thursday that he was planning to merge France's existing market regulators into a single body.

"We must quickly learn the lessons of the failures and holes in the system," Mer said, while also warning against "throwing the baby out with the bath water."

A day earlier, Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson announced measures to increase cooperation among financial supervisors, make tax auditors more effective and possibly introduce higher sentences for corporate offenders.

In September, the EU will be asked to consider broader action, including making European companies disclose how much they pay chief executives and board members, and giving shareholders more power at annual meetings.

Corporate governance expert Jaap Winter, who chairs a committee preparing the report for EU ministers, also expressed concern about the lack of a pan-European equivalent of the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

"The SEC is chasing the US companies, but who will chase the European companies?" he asked at a conference in Milan, Italy, on Friday. "I do not feel comfortable and think we should also review our checks and balances."

In Asia, too, the recent revelations of unethical practices in the United States have raised eyebrows.

"Asians can hardly gloat, but should cast a skeptical eye when next lectured to adopt US market standards lock, stock and barrel," the English-language South China Morning Post said in an editorial Thursday.

Yet when questioned about the scandals, Honda Motor Co. chief executive Hiroyuki Yoshino said he didn't see them as a failure of the US global standard.

"Bad things exist everywhere. Nothing is perfect," he said.

US accounting standards have long been held up as a model for Japan, whose own rules are widely believed to lag behind those of US companies.

Things are worse in mainland China, where regulators are still struggling to establish any accounting standards and rein in widespread insider trading, dodgy bookkeeping and stock price manipulation. ***AP***

STOCK SLUMP

Fed to keep rates at 4-decade lows

NEW YORK—The US stock market's steep fall has swept away nearly $7 trillion in paper wealth in the past five years, leaving many Americans nervous. Yet as long as they have jobs and house values hold up, prospects remain solid for the massive US economic engine to keep chugging along.

And the Federal Reserve's most likely strategy in the face of mounting stock market losses is to leave borrowing costs—which affect everything from home mortgage rates to credit card and auto loans—at four-decade lows for as long as growth stays sluggish.

Most economists in a Reuters poll taken on Friday expect that means no increases in the 1.75 percent fed funds rate till 2003, in contrast with just a month ago when the majority were still looking for rate rises in the fall.

But over that month, share losses have accelerated despite the best attempts of the George W. Bush administration to calm investors, raising fears that market weakness will take a greater toll on firms' ability to invest and consumers' propensity to spend.

"If businesses turn cautious and start pulling back on capital spending and fail to hire new staff, then eventually all this will translate into a real hardship for consumers," said Greenwich Capital Markets chief economist Jade Zelnick.

"But we're not there yet," she said, citing figures on Friday that extended the recent pattern of consumers reporting weaker levels of confidence but at the same time continuing to spend.

The broadest index for the US equity market, the Wilshire Total Market Index, fell to a near four-year low this week, taking the total losses since its peak to 41 percent.

For now, the black mood in the stock market reflects a disconnect from current economic conditions, which though patchy are still recovering from last year's recession.

Retail sales figures for June showed a solid increase of 1.1 percent, above market forecasts, and weekly store sales figures for early July have also been positive. Another round of incentives is likely to prop up demand for autos.

That spending comes despite a slump in consumer sentiment in early July to 86.5 from 92.4 , according to the University of Michigan, the lowest level for the index since November 2001. But the decline was concentrated in fears for the future rather than current economic conditions.

"People are taking equity out of their houses to maintain their spending," said Northern Trust chief economist Paul Kasriel.

Homeowners have been able to pay down some high interest rate credit card debt as well, meaning less income needs to go toward debt repayments.

"I don't see a spending boom but at the same time I don't see households going on strike anytime soon," Kasriel said.

For some, the stock market's collapse has meant a shift in longer-term goals. A survey this week found almost four out of 10 parents have pulled back on savings for their children's college funds, according to Aegon Institutional Markets. ***Reuters***

Nasdaq eyes NYSE business with new platform

NEW YORK—The Nasdaq Stock Market, reeling from the tech and telecom meltdown, is counting on its highly anticipated new trading system not only to win back market share from alternative trading platforms, but to also snatch rivals' business.

Before the technology bubble bust, the Nasdaq touted itself as the stock exchange for the new century, in a veiled dig at its 210-year-old arch competitor, the New York Stock Exchange.

But the market slump, increased competition and the plunging stock of many of its listed telecom and technology companies has made the Nasdaq eager to enlarge its presence in its competitor's market.

The Nasdaq's new trading-and-order display system is the No. 2 US stock market's attempt to wrest back business from electronic communication networks (ECNs), which now handle about 50 percent of the trading volume in Nasdaq-listed shares.

Four years ago, ECNs, which anonymously match buy and sell orders for a stock electronically, accounted for just 20 percent of market share.

The Nasdaq, which has seen its revenue drop and delistings increase with the slumping market, also built its new $100 million system—named SuperMontage—so it can be expanded to trade stocks listed on its rivals as well.

Nasdaq currently has separate orderly delivery and execution networks for stock trading. SuperMontage will combine those functions into a single network to show orders and execute them, which is what the ECNs already have.

While Nasdaq doesn't have an exact plan in place to begin trading New York Stock Exchange and American Stock Exchange stocks on SuperMontage, "the design of the system is one that allows for it to be expanded into other areas," said Dean Furbush, vice president of Nasdaq transaction services, at a press conference in Times Square Tuesday.

Exchanges have long sought to muscle in on one another's market share.

The Chicago Stock Exchange, the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, the Boston Stock Exchange and others now trade Nasdaq stocks. But the NYSE, the world's largest stock exchange, has kept a tight control on its piece of the business.

"Eighty percent of all their trades still occur on the floor, which is really unheard of," said Sang Lee, an analyst with Celent Communications. "They've done a great job of maintaining their liquidity."

For 2001, the NYSE's share of trading its own stocks averaged 84 percent. For the first six months of this year, it is averaging roughly 82 percent.

The NYSE has maintained its liquidity—its pool of buyers and sellers for a stock—by leveraging the prestige associated with a Big Board listing and the use of market specialists responsible for mediating trading of individual stocks. ***Reuters***

Global Crossing receives several bids for company

NEW YORK—Bankrupt Global Crossing Ltd. has received three or four offers to buy all or part of its fiber optic network, including one from a rival US communications company, a source close to the bidding said on Friday.

Buyout firms Gores Technology and Platinum Equity have submitted a joint bid worth about $1.2 billion, and two or three other private investment groups also have submitted bids, the source said.

On top of those comprehensive bids, the source said there were other offers to buy parts of Global Crossing. Offers came in for its network in North America, and for some or all of its three non-core businesses—a conferencing unit, its network operations in Britain Global Marine Systems, which provides submarine fiber-optic cable services.

In addition, Global Crossing's management team has submitted its stand-alone bankruptcy reorganization plan, the source said. It was not known whether that plan includes investment from any outside parties.

The company has previously said it could go it alone with as little as $500 million in additional funding.

A spokesperson for Gores/Platinum said its offer would give Global Crossing's creditors an equity stake in the company that would be larger than the 21 percent offered in a previous bid by Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. of Hong Kong and state-owned Singapore Technologies Telemedia Pte.

The two Asian companies told Reuters earlier this week they would not submit a renewed offer after their original $750 million bid, for 79 percent of Global Crossing, was rejected.

Bermuda-based Global Crossing said it couldn't comment on the bidding process.

The bids were submitted to Global Crossing's attorneys on Thursday. The attorneys, along with the telecom firm's creditors and bankers, now have 12 days to sift through the offers before the July 24 auction deadline. The final hearing at the US bankruptcy court in Manhattan will be held on July 30.

Global Crossing filed in January for the fourth largest US bankruptcy ever, buckling under $12.4 billion in debt that it could not repay amid a glut of high-speed network capacity and falling prices for the spare capacity it sells to other telecommunications operators. It also faces two federal probes into its accounting. ***Reuters***

Gov't struggles in battle to oust D. Telekom CEO

FRANKFURT—Deutsche Telekom chief executive Ron Sommer won the backing of a powerful union official on Friday in his rearguard battle to resist a government drive to topple him.

But German television ARD reported that at least some members of the company's supervisory board were meeting to discuss Sommer's successor.

However, a Deutsche Telekom spokesperson and a political source familiar with the situation, said they were not aware of any such meeting.

Ruediger Schulze, deputy head of the Deutsche Telekom supervisory board and a top official of services union Verdi, said the government should not meddle in the company's business unless it was prepared to renationalize it.

"If they don't want that then they should please keep out of it," he told ZDF television on Friday.

His remarks came as the government searched frantically—and so far with little apparent success—for a replacement to Sommer, whose fate has become a hot campaign issue ahead of national elections in September.

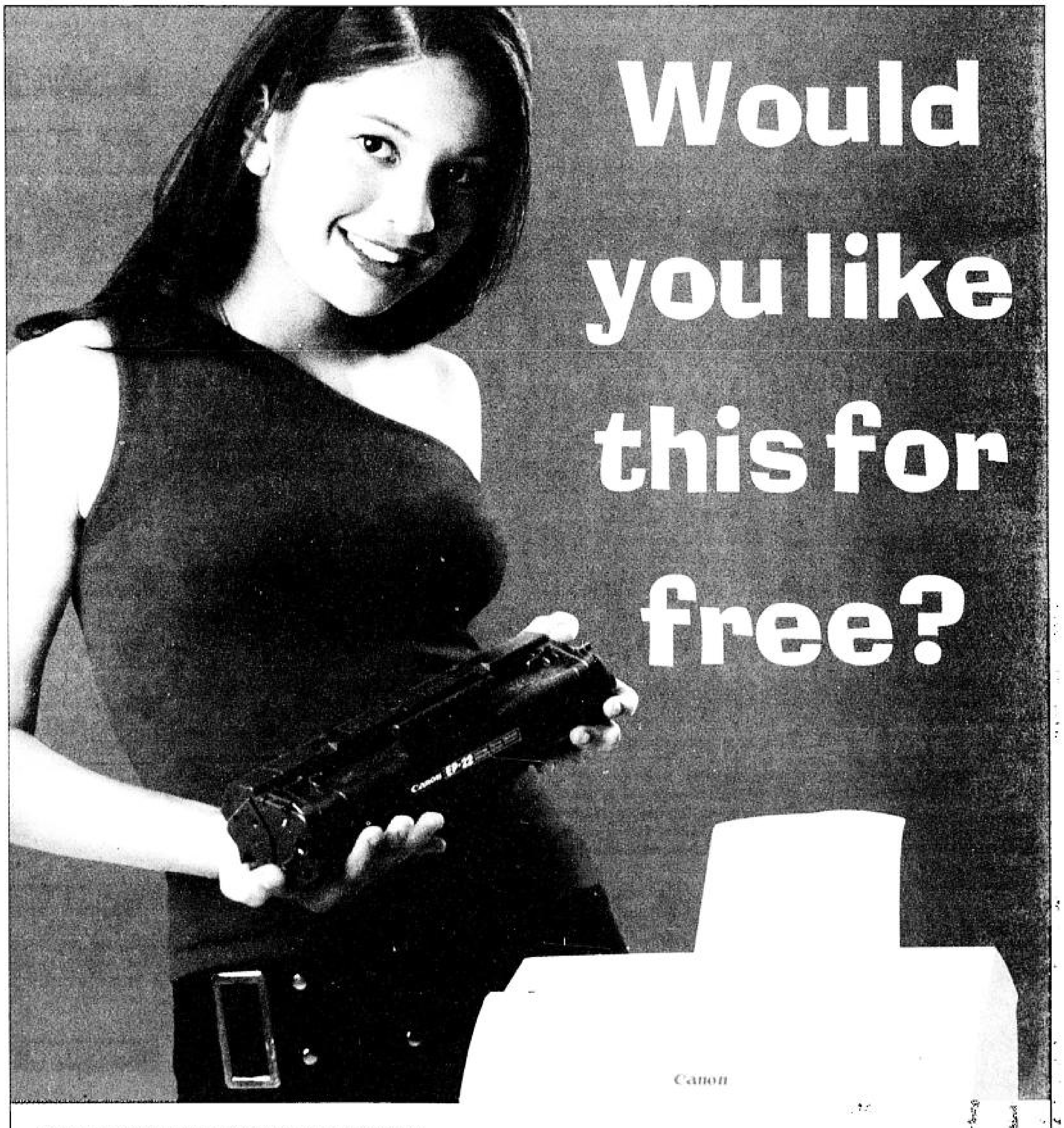
Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats decided to dump Sommer this week after their Conservative foes, ahead in opinion polls, began to champion the cause of millions of German investors who own Telekom's ravaged shares.

The government owns 43 percent of the former state monopoly, floated in a landmark public offering in 1996 when millions of ordinary Germans invested in shares for the first time.

What started as a campaign to win Schroeder precious votes turned into a damage control exercise in the face of criticism that the government was acting like a bull in a china shop and was not even able to find a credible successor.

"This is a very high-risk game. Many people are going to see election tactics in what Schroeder is doing," said Klaus-Peter Schoeppner, a director at the Emnid polling institute.

Schroeder, in his first comments on the growing political furor around his handling of the affair, confirmed that the finance ministry was in charge of preparations for next week's supervisory board meeting at which Sommer's fate can be sealed. ***Reuters***



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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Contracting of Consulting Services for PHI/00/G41 Philippine Efficient Lighting Market Transformation (PELMAT) Project

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites local consultants to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Preparatory Assistance Subcontract under the Project *"Philippine Efficient Lighting Market Transformation (PHI/00/G41)'*.

The project requires the services of a team of consultants who shall undertake the following activities: (1) Characterization of the Philippine lighting market, and the utilization of energy efficient lighting systems in the country; (2) Review and analysis of the current legal, regulatory and fiscal frameworks affecting the implementation of profitable and cost-effective electric utility market interventions, particularly the promotion of the use of energy efficient lighting systems; (3) Identification and evaluation of the barriers to the large scale commercialization and widespread utilization of energy efficient lighting systems in the commercial, industrial, institutional and residential sectors; (4) Design of relevant programs that address the various barriers to the large scale commercialization and widespread utilization of energy efficient lighting systems, and also including:

(a) Assessment of the technical and financial support needs of the country's Fuels and Appliances Testing Laboratory (FATL) and its transition into a testing laboratory with regional significance and value;
(b) Assessment of the viability of local energy efficient fluorescent lighting product design, manufacture, local promotion and sale; and,
(c) Drafting of a commercially sustainable Recycling and Disposal Program as a means of mitigating secondary environmental impacts of efficient lighting programs.

(5) Preparation of a PELMAT project brief following the format specified by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), particularly the i8ncremental cost guidelines stated under the GEF's Operational Programme No. 5; and, (6) Conversion of the GEF-approved project brief into an UNDP project document detailing the work program of the full project, the finalization of which would be discussed and reviewed in a workshop with concerned agencies and stakeholders.

The abovementioned services have been previously contracted to an international consultant but the contract was pre-terminated by the Department of Energy (DOE) due to non-compliance of outputs to DOE-accepted standards. Due to previous payments made under the pre-terminated contract, the only available budget for the remaining work to be done is a maximum non-negotiable amount of US$ 60,000.

For interested parties, Bid Documents (Eligibility Requirements, Instructions to Bidders and Terms of Reference) may be secured personally, upon payment of a non-refundable amount of PhP 1,000.00 from the following address:

Development Support Services Center
United Nations Development Programme
7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building
106 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, 1229 Makati City
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The abovementioned Bid Documents will be released to all interested participants starting July 16, 2002 to July 19, 2002 only. The Bid Documents shall contain all instructions on the rules, procedures, dates and other schedules for the pre-bid conference and opening of bid envelopes, as well as further details on the scope of services required.

UNDP reserves the right to reject any or all the bids, waive any defect or informality therein, accept the bid and award the contract to the most advantageous offer to the UNDP, for and in behalf of the Department of Energy. UNDP assumes no responsibility to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that may be incurred for the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ETHELIND B. CAPUNO**
Manager, DSSC

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER
Baguio City 2600
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INVITATION TO BID

The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center invites all DOH-Manila accredited suppliers for Drugs and Medicines, Hospital Medical, Dental, Surgical, Laboratory, X-ray reagents and supplies to bid for the same at the Cobalt Building, BGHMC Auditorium, Baguio City.

All prospective bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Conference scheduled on **July 30, 2002**, Tuesday, 2:00 PM at the same venue for any clarifications. Opening of the Bids is scheduled on **August 7, 2002**, Wednesday, at exactly 2:00 PM at the same venue.

Instruction to Bidders (BAC FORM A) and Official Bid Tender Form (BAC FORM B) can be availed of at the office of the Chief, Medical Professional Staff c/o Mrs. Ma. Teresa C. Fajardo, after payment in cash of P300.00 at the Cashier's Office at the main hospital building, from **July 23 to July 30, 2002**, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Deadline for submission of bids is on **August 7, 2002**, Wednesday, 12 noon.

The BAC shall award the contracts to suppliers with the lowest calculated and responsive bids. The BGHMC reserves the right to waive any minor deviations in the bid tender documents which do not affect the substance and validity of the bids and reserves the right to accept the bid most advantageous to the government.

Inquiries may be made with the BAC Secretariat, Mrs. Ma. Teresa C. Fajardo at 442-6230.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL V. FACTORA, M.D., MHA**
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of RA 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that ANGELINA C. MANZO-MACUGAY has filed with this Office a petition for Change of her First Name from VIVIAN to ANGELINA in her Birth Certificate.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition to this Office not later than **July 25, 2002.**

(Sgd.) **ROMUALDO S. FERNANDEZ**
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(PDI-July 1, 8 & 15, 2002)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of **JOSE D. INGLES** who died on Oct. 30, 1993 in QC have executed a deed of extrajudicial settlement with waiver of rights before Notary Public Rodolfo Lopez on June 25, 2002 and entered in his Notarial Register on Doc 1007, Page 102, Book No. 10, Series 2002 of June 25, 2002.
(PDI -July 1, 8 and 15, 2002)

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is given that Philippine National Bank Certificate No. **465911** under the name of Maria A. Tabilzo was lost. If no contest new certificate will be issued.
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INQUIRER TRiViA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

Big birds

Q. If the Philippine eagle is not the world's largest eagle, what is?

A. Slightly larger than the Philippine eagle is the harpy eagle of South America, which weighs about 4.8 kg (about 10.5 lb) and a wingspan of over 2 m (6.56 ft). Like the Philippine eagle, it is also in a struggle for survival. As an inhabitant of lowland virgin forests from southern Mexico to northern Argentina, the harpy eagle has become critically endangered with the ongoing loss of its habitat. It feeds principally on arboreal mammals such as monkeys, sloths, and opossums. Its back is slatey black and its underparts are white, with a black band across the upper chest. Its pale gray head is crowned with a double crest which, when erected, gives the bird a somewhat owl-like appearance.

Ooops! The American bald eagle is not bald. It got its name from the characteristic slicked-down white feathers covering its head. The name *bald*, often thought to be a misnomer, does not imply a lack of feathers, but is derived from the obsolete Middle English word *balded*, meaning 'white' or 'having white fur or feathers,' which was still in common use when the English first settled in America. After encountering this unique American bird, they called it the *balded eagle*. However, after the word *balded* disappeared from everyday use, the name became transformed to the bald eagle.

For the Record. On average, blondes have some 140,000 hairs on their heads, brunettes about 108,000 and redheads 90,000.

WORD WATCH

Pilgarlic (pil gor lik): a bald head that looks like peeled garlic.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The PNOC - Energy Development Corporation (hereinafter referred to as PNOC-EDC) has received an ODA Loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as JBIC) in the amount of 14.46 Billion Yen, towards the cost of the Northern Negros Geothermal Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract for Drilling Tubular Hardbanding and Softbanding Services. Disbursement of an ODA Loan by JBIC will be subject, in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the "Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC ODA Loans" No party other than PNOC-EDC shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or shall have any claim to loan proceeds. The above Loan Agreement will cover only a part of the project cost. As for the remaining portion, PNOC-EDC will take appropriate measures for finance.
2. JBIC requires that bidders and contractors, as well as PNOC-EDC, under contracts funded with JBIC ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In the pursuance of this policy, JBIC:
   (a) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;
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3. PNOC-EDC now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Drilling Tubular Handbanding and Softbanding Services under **Project No. EDC 02-119.**
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bid documents at the Contracts and Administration Group, PNOC - Energy Development Corporation, Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines, Telephone No. (632) 893-6001, Fax No. (632) 840-1461 starting **July 8, 2002.**

   The complete set of bid documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on the submission of written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00), Philippine Currency or Fifty US Dollars (US$50) in case of foreign bidders to defray courier expenses.
5. For the purpose of clarifying issues, a pre-bid conference will be held at **PNOC - EDC office at Fort Bonifacio, Makati at 2:30 p.m. on July 31, 2002.**
6. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of **Philippine Pesos One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One (PHP 144,441.00)** or an equivalent amount in a fully convertible currency and must be delivered to the above office on or before **2:00 p.m.** of **August 22, 2002**. Provided that, PNOC - EDC, in order to determine the sufficiency of the bid security amount, shall convert all bid security amounts to Philippine Pesos at the exchange rate established by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas 15 days prior to the date of bid opening.
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at **2:00 p.m.** of **August 22, 2002** at Conference Room, Ground Floor, PNOC - EDC Building V.
8. The estimated date of Award is on **October 18, 2002.**

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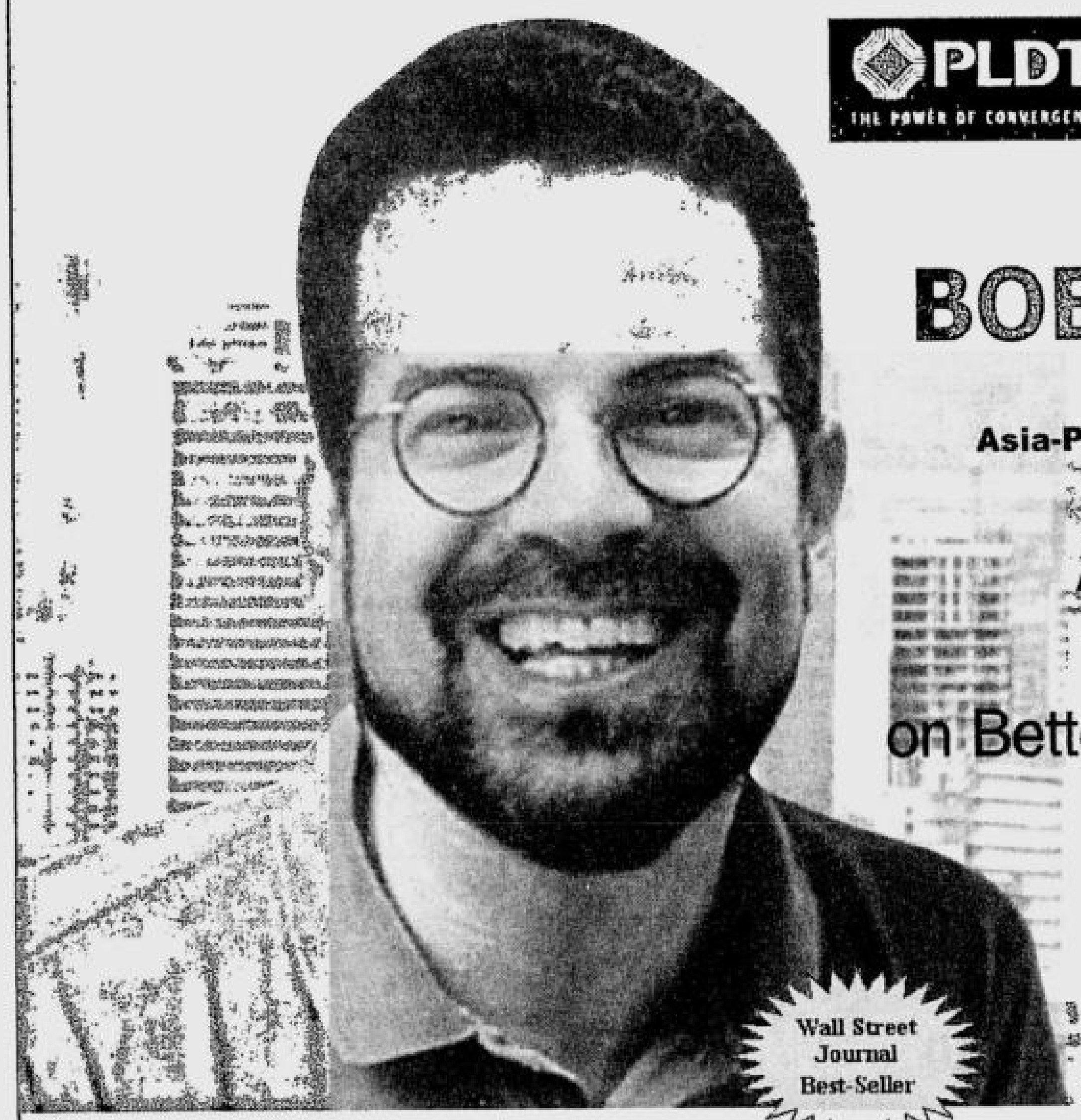

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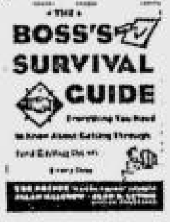

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Thank you.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. JOSE M. TOLENTINO, JR.**
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GUILLERMO CABUHAT AYROSO, SR.

January 20, 1921 - July 13, 2002
of Gapan, Nueva Ecija

His bereaved wife **Toreng**; children **Emilie** and **Maning** (†); **Enchie & Clemen**, **Guillermo Jr.** (†), **Cora & Jolet**, **Edmund & Rizza**; and grandchildren **Melissa & Gerald**, **Cholo**, **Erick**, **Dennis**, **Michael**, **Christian**, **Jamil**, **RJ**, **Jaemar Guiller**, **Waela Mari** and **Charina**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at their residence at Del Corro Street, San Vicente, Gapan, Nueva Ecija.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, 1:00 PM at the Ever Memorial Garden, Valenzuela City after the 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Three Kings Parish, Gapan, Nueva Ecija.

ANA GATO AGAGAN

of Basco, Batanes

Widow of the late ***Adriano M. Agagan*** *peacefully joined our Lord on July 11, 2002 at the age of 95.*

She would be sadly missed but fondly remembered by her children **Constantine**, **Leonor**, **Pacita** and **Madeline**; brother **Jose**; in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren and other relatives and friends who love her deeply.

Her body lies in state at La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

As a devout catholic, a dedicated public servant, a good wife and mother, she touched and enriched many lives in her love and concern for others.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2002 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 9:00 AM Mass at La Funeraria Paz.

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on July 15, 2002

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Sta. Rita Parish, Philam Homes	6:30 AM
St. Francis of Assisi, West 32nd Street, New York	8:00 AM
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St. Jerome Parish, Morong, Rizal	7:30 AM
St. Anthony Shrine, Bustillos, Manila	6:15 AM
St. Claire Monastery, Quezon City	6:30 AM

The family, relatives and friends request readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Our Beloved Mama

LEANDRA (Liling) BONIAO Vda. De JONGKO

of Cabadbaran, Agusan Del Norte and Quezon City

Peacefully joined our Lord on July 13, 2002 at the age of 84.

Her loving children Drs. Teodoro & Germelina, Marilyn (†) & Ely, Engrs. Joven & Jeddy, Joannie & Frank, Ophelia & Peter, Engrs. Castor Jr. & Letty, Victor (†), Engr. Nestor & Thea (†), Engr. Julius & Maritz; niece Dr. Casiana & Jaime Malantic (†); grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Philamlife Homes Church, Mortuary at EDSA, Quezon City.

Cremation will follow after the 10:00 AM Mass on Thursday, July 18, 2002.

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Her body lies in state at #948 Madia-as Street, Villamonte, Bacolod City.

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Editor **Leo Magno**

INQ7.net reporter wins DOST award for online journalism

INQ7.NET reporter Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva won this year's first Department of Science and Technology (DOST) media award for online journalism.

For the past years, individual citations have been awarded to traditional media such as print, radio and television. This year, however, the DOST-STII has decided to include online or cyber journalism as among the major media awards.

Other awardees this year include Rudy Fernandez of the Philippine Star for print, Mayette Camacho of IBC-13 for television and Melly Tenorio, host of the "Talino Para sa Masa" program on dzRB for radio.

The institutional award was also given to Philippine Star for print, radio dzRB for radio, and IBC-13 for television.

Next year, the DOST would include cyber media in the institutional award.

This year's Hall of Fame award went to Manila Bulletin's Thor Orig. This award is given to an individual or institution that has won three times in the DOST media award.

With the help of the Science and Technology Information Institute, the DOST media award is given every year to recognize the important role of government and private media practitioners toward the dissemination, promotion and popularization of science and technology information.

Among the finalists for the first DOST cyber journalism awards were Melvin Calimag of Metropolitan Computer Times, Helen Andrade-Jimenez of BusinessWorld Online, Jing Bagalawis-Simes of Computer World and Veronica Silva of BusinessWorld Online.

The DOST media award began in 1988.

Technoparks becoming potential market for Internet data centers

By Joel D. Pinaroc

THE HANDFUL of companies offering Internet data centers (IDCs) in the Philippines can increase their revenues and market share by going into relatively unchartered areas such as technoparks scattered in major cities in the country.

This is according to AyalaPort, the Internet services arm of the Ayala Group of Companies, at the launch of the firm's branch in one of the technoparks in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Technoparks, like special economic zones, are especially designated areas for companies or locators, most of which offer technology-related products and services. Most technopark locators are multinational companies who have set up shop in the Philippines.

According to Abrigo Merin, general manager of AyalaPort, there a number of distinct advantages for an Internet data service provider to go into technoparks.

Aside from having the money to invest, Merin said locators in technoparks, mostly multinational firms, have the proper "mindset" for Internet-related services.

"Technopark locators are more open-minded to outsourcing services, which AyalaPort does. We see the demand for world-class infrastructure and data hosting services coming from these multinational companies," Merin said.

While Merin did not specifically say that companies outside technoparks are apprehensive on IDC-related services, he added that technopark locators, by virtue of being multinationals, know the value of outsourcing services such as data housing.

Merin said that technopark locators in the Philippines, like their global counterparts, see the need for more stable and reliable data center services, especially in these times where security breaches and external threats have become common.

He noted that the infamous Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States is also seen as a major catalyst for technopark locators to invest on data services.

Aside from being a back-up for the Makati facility, Merin also explained that the 100-square meter data center in Laguna is way for AyalaPort to extend its market reach, being a virtual mimic of AyalaPort's larger data center facility in Makati City.

The facility, like its larger predecessor, is unmarked and is located in one of the manufacturing companies that the Ayala Group also owns. It will also offer round-the-clock operations and redundant systems to technopark locators.

An Internet data service provider offers, among others, collocation, connectivity, hosting, back-up, disaster recovery, security services, professional services and full IT outsourcing services.

Other services such as shared applications hosting, payroll systems, enterprise resource planning, offsite data storage, online data archiving, anti-virus solutions, e-mail outsourcing, digital certificates and other security services are also offered by these IDCs.

Eastern Telecom offers Internet direct service

EASTERN Telecommunications Philippines Inc. recently introduced its Internet Direct Service (IDS), an ultra fast Internet service combined with efficiently managed access and wider Web reach.

Eastern Telecoms' IDS is a premium access service that provides a dedicated Internet bandwidth, or 1:1 ratio from the user's office to the global Internet. It is a flexible service that enables Internet users to access a broader coverage of Web destinations in less time and effort.

IDS is the same service Eastern Telecoms provides to the Securities and Exchange Commission website (www.sec.gov.ph), which it unveiled during the recent eGobyerno 2002 exhibit at the Megatrade Hall 3 of SM Megamall.

During the event, Eastern Telecoms marketing communications specialist Jade Alcasabas demonstrated the features and benefits of IDS, which also include scalable dedicated bandwidth from 64 Kbps to 100 Mbps and running on a Gigabit fiber ring network that increases reliability and security against network downtime.

PROJECT GOTHAM RACING

Pretty but pretty boring

By Leo Magno

PROJECT Gotham Racing (PGR), developed by Bizarre Creations and published by Microsoft Corp., was part of the first batch of Xbox games released in November 2001 and was one of the first Xbox games I bought for Microsoft's game console. Like most of the other games in the first batch, PGR utilized the eye candy formula, wherein the goal was to make first-time Xbox owners' jaws drop by giving them a huge dose of eye candy.

In fairness to PGR, our jaws did indeed drop when we saw how pretty the game was, what with its fast frame rate and high polygon count. Unfortunately, like your typical blonde bombshell, this game will keep you hooked for the first few times, but after playing with her some more, you'd eventually get bored.

But before we get to the "pretty boring" part, let's see first why this game is one of the prettiest Xbox launch titles. The details of the vehicles in PGR, the environment and the scenery are simply eye-popping. Each car is represented in exquisite detail, from the dashboard to the chrome grilles to the spoilers. There's even bodily damage everytime you smash a car, with the headlight going off, a dent or two showing here and a side mirror missing (although it's nothing compared to the damage your cars will get in a better Xbox racing game like "Wreckless"). And since this is a racing game, Bizarre Creations created the game logically such that it would appeal to race fans—make the cars look real, of course. And they do. You even see reflections on the hood being dished off by the buildings of Tokyo, San Francisco, New York or London—all done in real-time.

There are 29 beautiful cars in this game, but you start off with three default ones while the rest are unlockable. These are the front-wheel Mercedes-Benz SLK, the rear-wheel, mid-engine Toyota MR2 and the Rover (Austin) Mini. For beginners, I suggest you use the MR2. It handles better than the bigger and more slippery SLK and is more stable than the tiny Mini. Also, you get to personalize your license plate and choose the color of your car and helmet.

But like I said earlier, while first-generation Xbox games stuck to eye candy, most of them lose their luster after playing through several times. While the game is really pretty, PGR becomes repetitive because of its very nature, a crevasse which fighting games are also prone to fall into.

One way PGR tries to become not just another racing game is the use of "Kudos" points, where drivers are rewarded a certain number of points depending on how flashy you drive or how well you execute a skid, a power slide or a handbrake turn. Kudos are also given when you overtake another vehicle, when you jump off the ground off a hump or by deftly avoiding cones or chicanes. However, more often than not, I feel as if the game puts more emphasis on Kudos than on making users complete the objective of the game, which is to cross that finish line. This is especially true when racing against the computer. You go head-to-head, cross the line photo-finish, but the dang AI is simply better when it comes to slides, skids and hand-brake turns.

This would have been okay were it not for PGR's slippery control. The game uses the traditional left and right trigger for acceleration and braking, and either the D-pad or the C-stick to steer the vehicle. However, you'll notice how slippery the steering is, especially when you're driving the Merc. Perhaps this was intentional on the part of the developers since the game is all about power slides and nasty turns, but for some users it could get frustrating especially when you fishtail and spin out of control often. In fairness, though, each car has a distinct feel which you could sometimes actually detect. This is a plus for PGR which is absent in other racing games.

However, even if you do spin out of control and get left behind, one gratifying effect would be given you. It's the way the game shows how good it is when it comes to collision detection. Smash a car here and you get dented, but notice how the vehicles don't "run through" each other or how edges of the car disappear into walls. The cars simply bounce off moving and non-moving objects exactly where they're supposed to bounce (again, this however, does not compare to how Wreckless excels in collision detection and its physics engine). And the good news is that PGR does not take away points from you if you bump into another car. This allows you to play dirty. You can do this by letting the other vehicle go ahead of you for about half a car's length, and when both of you go into a turn, just ram the sucker's side till he goes into s spin. Hopefully your car will right itself up and you can continue down the road and let the sucker eat your dust. It's easy, really. It's just like the maneuver which American cops do during car chases in "America's Wildest Police Videos."

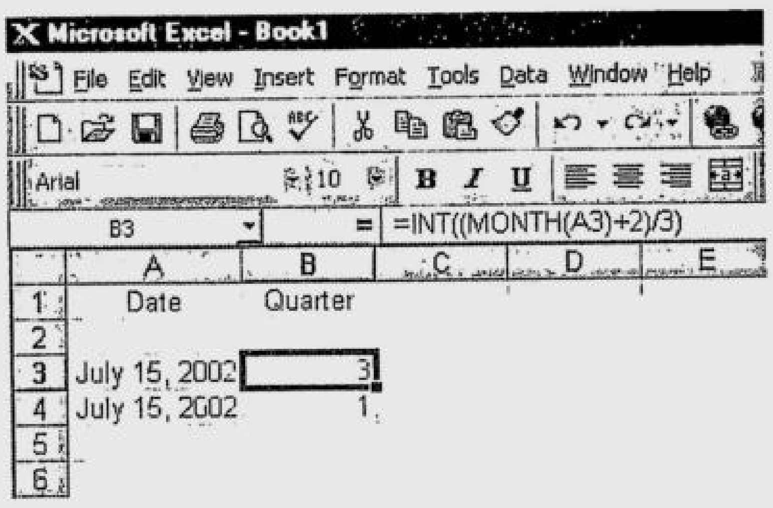
We review this game on the XBox

For Arcade races, you'll need some muscle so I suggest you use the Camaro, the Ferrari, the MR2 or the Viper. For quick races, you might wanna use the lighter, smaller ones like the Mazda and the Porsche. My favorite part of this game is the time-attack mode, wherein you get to race with a "ghost" of yourself in a circuit of your choice. What you do is you go through a lap, and your performance will be recorded. Go through another lap and you'll see yourself racing with the ghost of your vehicle during the previous run. You'll see your ghost skid where you skidded during the last lap, or where your car successfully made that tight turn. Then you try avoiding making the same mistake. Doing this through several laps will make you beat your previous record and get better for competition races.

Like all other genres, the racing genre has rabid fans, and I'm sure they'll disagree when I say that PGR gives just a little value to a long line of racing games dominated by Gran Turismo. PGR's controls, while generally good and innovative in the way that you actually feel like each car you're driving is different (and not just subject to the limitations of the controller), is still too slippery for me. However, as far as the feeling of driving in world-renowned places is concerned, PGR is tops. Bizarre Creations actually mapped the game's circuits from real streets in Tokyo, London, San Francisco and New York. Plus, sometimes you have to slow down a bit and admire the way the environment was constructed.

However, like I said earlier, after a while the novelty of the game and the gee-whiz graphics wonders wear off and, like fighting games, gets a bit repetitive. Nevertheless, racing fans may still find PGR worth their $50. For me, however, mission-based driving games with lots of mayhem like Wreckless offer more value, although the two games are not exactly in the same genre.

Lastly, PGR has great audio. If you have surround-sound, this game will keep your ears happy. The music is great—it's like you're driving and racing with the car radio cranked all the way up. You can even pop in your favorite audio CD and use that as background music.



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Determining a date's quarter

By Jerry Liao

POWERTIPS

HERE'S a neat trick that will return the quarter corresponding to a given date on Microsoft Excel.

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Deadline of E-commerce Law extended to next year

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva
INQ7.net

THE INFORMATION Technology and E-commerce Council (ITECC) is pushing for an extension of the deadline for government agencies to comply with the E-commerce Law, a government representative admitted Friday.

Under the Law (Republic Act 8792), government services should have been available through any electronic means by June 30, 2002.

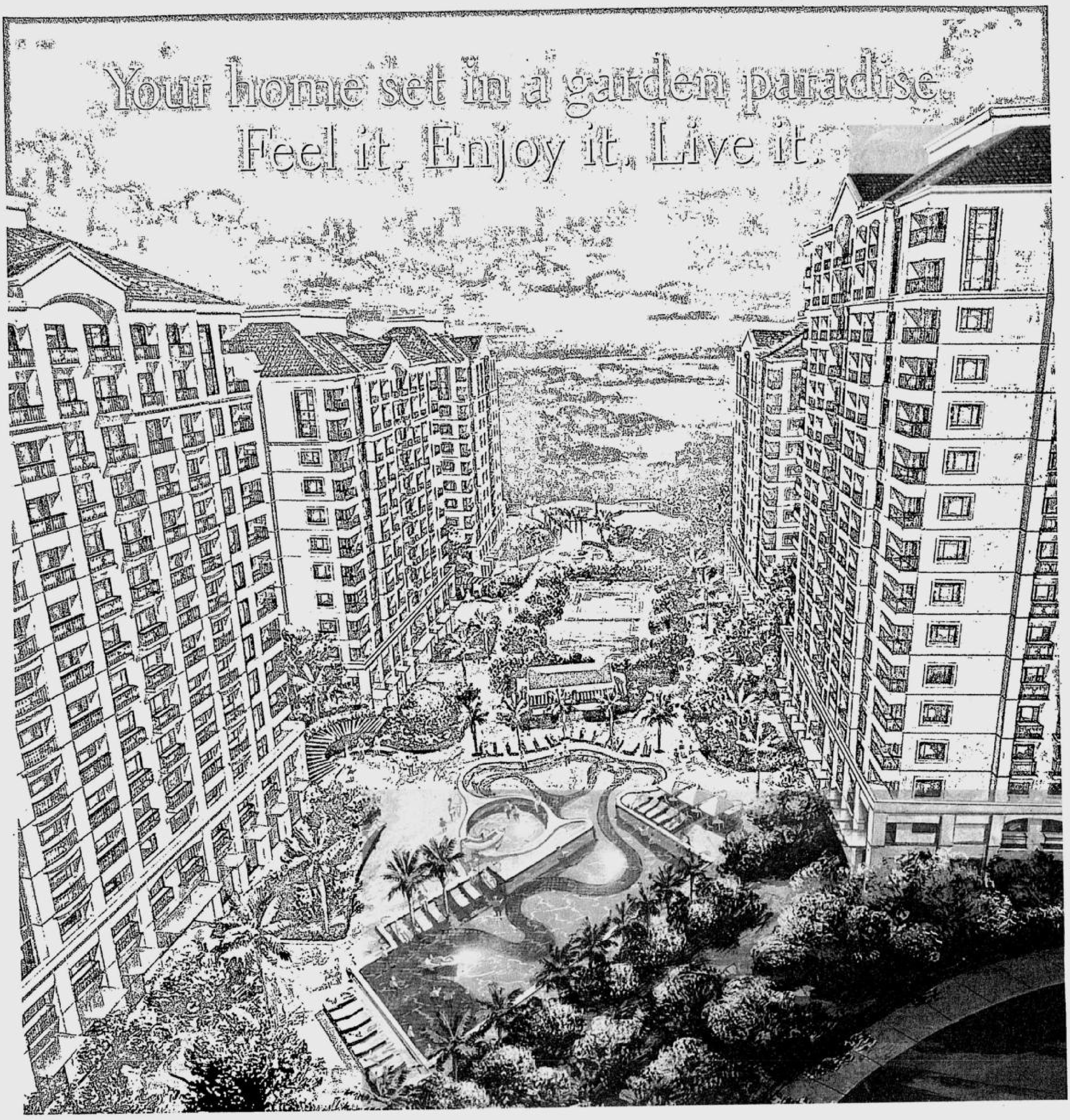
"So far, more than 80 percent of the national government agencies are in stage one (have a website)," said Department of Science and Technology Undersecretary Fortunato dela Peña, who is also a member of the ITECC's e-government cluster.

Based on a recent survey of the National Computer Center, at least 325 of the 399 national agencies are connected to the Internet and have websites; 40 agencies are connected but without websites; and 34 are totally without Internet connections and websites.

Dela Peña said that the ITECC has been discussing an extension of the deadline because the E-Commerce Law requires that government agencies should be able to conduct transactions online, apart from just having a Web presence.

The E-commerce Law lacks any provisions, such as penalties, for non-compliance or even a definition for compliance.

"Actually we in the ITECC cannot do anything if government agencies won't be able to comply," Dela Peña said, noting the lack of provisions on penalties for agencies unable to meet the June 30 deadline.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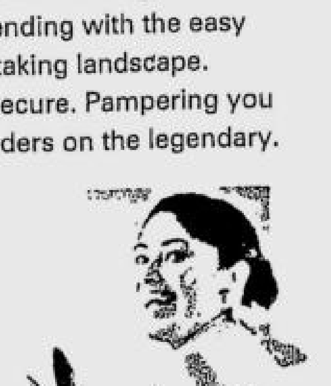
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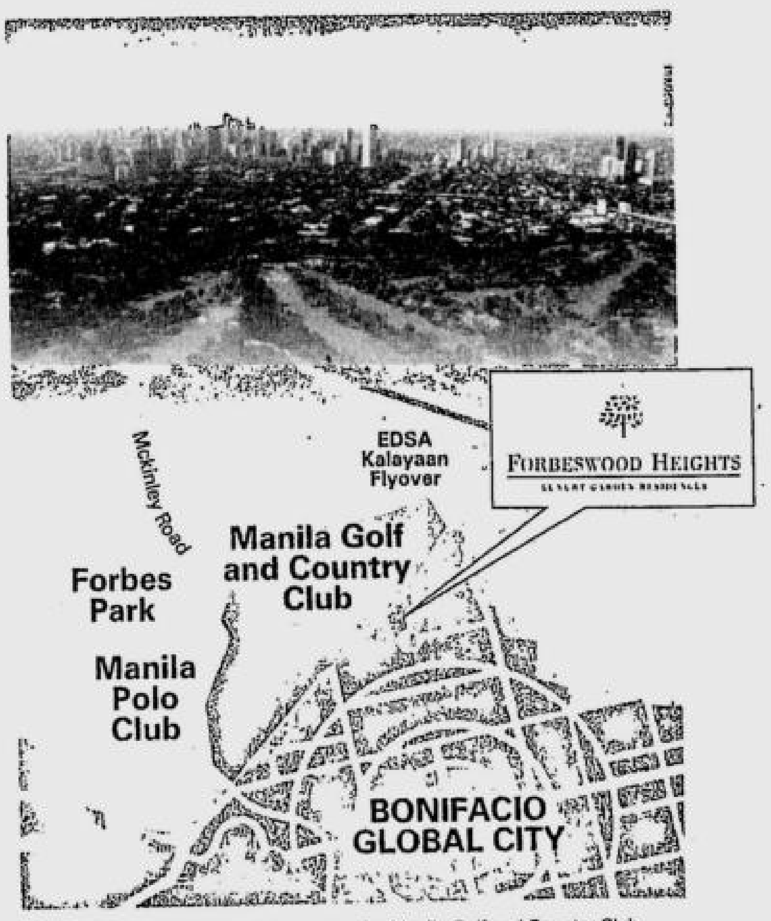
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How would you solve the budget deficit?

Ed's note: Ask a Filipino about the topic of the day and chances are he will have an opinion on it. Business Monday provides a venue for executives to give their suggestions and opinions about issues that affect the economy. This week we tackle the budget deficit which appears to be part and parcel of Filipinos' lives. We hope that our lawmakers and government officials will pick out something to alleviate this recurring problem.

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

EXECUTIVES SPEAK

THE PHILIPPINE government posted a budget deficit of P107.54 billion during the first five months of the year. In the country's history, there have only been about four times when the government posted a budget surplus.

A deficit means the government spends more than it is able to raise revenues from taxes, and fees collected for various services. The main sources of revenues are the Bureaus of Internal Revenue and Customs.

But these agencies are ridden with corruption accounting for continual shortfalls in revenue collections.

That the government finishes each year with a deficit is almost a given. From a purely logical point of view, the only solution is to increase collection and decrease costs but some executives have fancier ideas.

Business Monday runs an informal survey of executives on what they think is the solution to the budget deficit.

Joel Jimenez,
President and CEO of Alta Productions, a sister company of GMA; board member of GMA Network.

"I would prioritize the budget—the greatest impact for economic growth would get the greater budget."

Filemon Berba Sr.
Managing director of Ayala Corp.

"Plug the tax loopholes, and reduce corruption in projects and government purchases. There is no need for new tax laws."

Rey David,
President and chair, Great Wall Advertising

"Pass the pending procurement reform bill, return to sales tax in lieu of the value added tax (VAT). Add gas guzzler tax for vehicles with V6 and V8 engines. Remove all ghost employees and retrench or reorganize government agencies. Change the BIR (Bureau of Internal Revenue) into a revenue authority."

Miguel Ramos
President, Aspac Advertising

"My answer would be for government to tighten its belt and cut down drastically on wasteful government spending. We see so much of it still that can be reduced or just eliminated."

Jose P. Magsaysay Jr.,
Entrepreneur, part owner of Potato Corner

"Put a cap on the yearly budget escalation. Make people the stockholders, privatize and call the president the CEO. Slash the budget of non-critical government offices and departments. Let the US conduct yearlong Balikatan exercises to take care of local terrorists. Buy Filipino. Revamp the whole customs (bureau) and let good men run it."

Peter B. Favila,
Former president of Philippine National Bank and senior adviser of the Speaker of the House

"I will take on the Mahathir gambit. Reverse the form of tax payments."

For his first suggestion, Favila explains what Malaysia's leader, Mahathir Mohamad, did to propel his country into a progressive state. Malaysia borrowed abroad aggressively and used the money to complete the country's infrastructure. He accumulated huge deficits but continued his borrowings until he had successfully established the needed infrastructure to attract foreign investments.

He did this despite the warnings of multilatreral lending institutions like the World Bank about his foreign borrowings.

His gambit paid off—Malaysia became one of the most progressive countries in Asia.

Favila adds however that what Mahathir did can only work in an authoritarian environment.

For the second suggestion, Favila's proposal is for government to talk to the big tax evaders and agree on a compromise settlement with the government which will not all be paid in cash.

He cites that a suspected tax evader for example, who is being charged with P100 million of unpaid taxes will pay only half of this in cash and the other half through the financing infrastructure development.

The move will remove the window for corruption in government as it will now be the private sector who will undertake the construction of some of the infrastructure projects. The cash portion can be used to pay the salaries of government employees.

Favila says he does not know the legal implications of such a proposal but he has already suggested this to House Speaker Jose de Venecia.

Paco Magsaysay
Son of Sen. Jun Magsaysay and CEO of Asian Vision Cable Holdings

"Tax the gross, collect from tax evaders, limit government spending, properly audit the government agencies."

Gabriel Singson
Former governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

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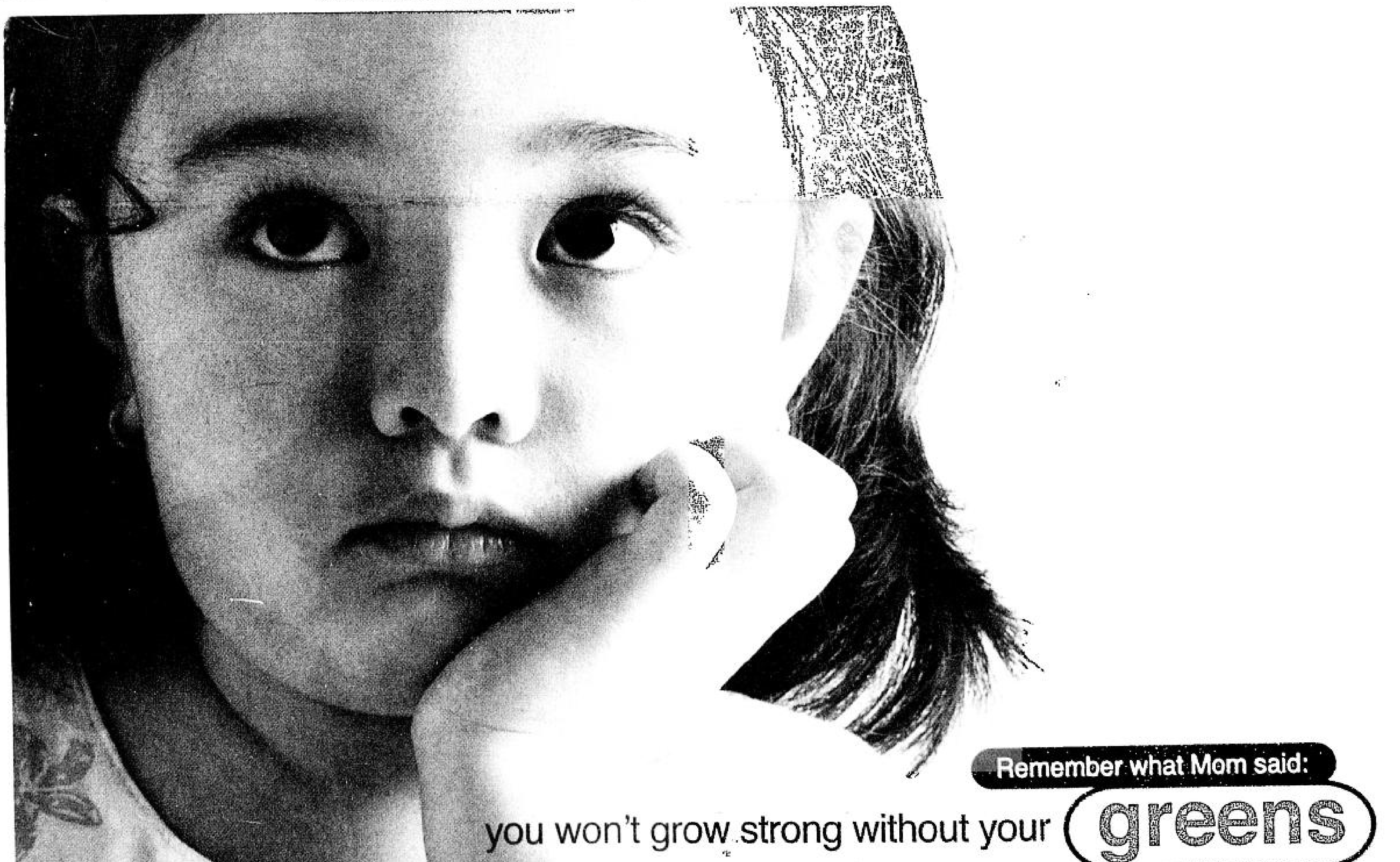

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MOVEMENTS

New board named

EQUITABLE Bank Foundation Inc. recently elected the new board of directors for 2002. Peter Go Pailian leads the board as chair and trustee of Equitable Bank Foundation. Other members of the board are Genevieve WJ. Go, president and trustee, Rene J. Buenaventura, vice president and trustee, Antonio L. Go, trustee, Ricardo J. Romulo, corporate secretary and trustee, and Maureen Coronel-Abelardo, treasurer, executive director, and trustee.

GMA has new director

THE BOARD of directors of GMA Network Inc. has announced the election of Felipe S. Yalong as new director to serve for the year 2002-2003 in a board meeting held recently. Yalong joins the GMA board of directors composed of Felipe L. Gozon (chair), Gilberto R. Duavit Jr., Judith D. Vazquez, Joel Marcelo G. Jimenez, Laura Jimenez-Westfall, and Anna-Teresa Gozon-Abrogar.

Yalong, a seasoned finance executive in the broadcast industry, is presently the senior vice president of the corporate services group of GMA Network Inc. A certified public accountant by profession, with an excellent track record in finance management and audit, he completed his Management Development Program at the Asian Institute of Management.

In a concurrent capacity, Yalong was also elected as acting treasurer of the network. In the same meeting, other officers were also elected and appointments made by the president confirmed.

Chinatrust names new heads

CHINATRUST (Philippines) Commercial Bank Corp. announces the appointment of four lady bankers to head its key operations involving strategic planning, retail banking, financial institutions and marketing.

Marithel Luna was named Chinatrust FVP and strategic planning head to respond to the bank's new challenge to become one of the country's most innovative financial institutions.

At the helm of retail banking and special accounts management, meanwhile, is Marichu Daisy Jimenea who also came from PSBank where she was the FVP for collections.

At Chinatrust's treasury group is Suzanne Aquino who was tasked to handle financial institutions after being named assistant vice president.

Former television anchor Catherine Alonso, meanwhile, was tasked to take charge of Chinatrust's marketing communications and corporate affairs.

CEOs should live the values they preach

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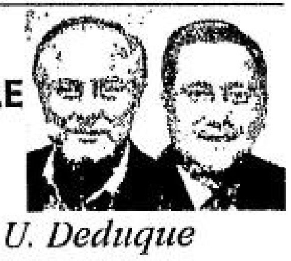

By Jose Jesus U. Deduque and Walter W. Bardenwerper

SINCE almost everything of consequence comes back to the board—transparency means an effective audit committee. But what are the basics of an effective audit committee? The committee must be composed entirely of independent directors. The credibility of the audit function begins to erode if —the members of the committee are compromised by their involvement in the making of financial policy or of financial reports.

The audit committee members need to be financially literate, with at least one member possessing a relatively sophisticated awareness of or training in accounting. The Code of Corporate Governance in the Philippines requires that at least one member should have "related audit experience."

In short, the audit committee must be the guardian of corporate financial integrity and the unflagging proponent of financial transparency and proper disclosure.

The internal auditor

Outlining the role and responsibilities of the audit committee would not be complete without a word about the internal auditor. The internal auditor may report to the CFO, but functionally, he or she should report to the chair of the audit committee. The person who undertakes this role must be carefully vetted; integrity and financial probity, as well as a keen understanding of accounting, are critical characteristics of a successful internal auditor. He has to have thick skin, and be ready to expose any financial wrongdoing even by high level executives.

Returning to values

All good things that flow from good corporate governance start with the values subscribed to by the leaders of the company. The CEO and the board set the tone for the company—its employees, customers, vendors, competitors and even the government and the community. Of course, values alone, or even the governance processes, do not assure business success.

You've got to have motivated employees, products someone wants to buy; effective marketing and sales, disciplined cost controls and quality assurance—and you need to know your market. But, what flows from good governance is confidence:

Confidence by the constituencies that matter—shareholders, investors, lenders, trade creditors, government regulators—employees. That confidence paves the way for capital to flow from investors and lenders, and for customers to trust your products, delivery commitments, and warranties. And it is an absolutely vital factor in attracting and retaining top talent.

Values imbedded in people-related systems

How are values translated into concrete processes in managing a company's human capital? A discussion of values and processes will ultimately lead to a discussion of people and people-related systems. After all, these values are made for the people—executives and non-executives alike. They will live these values and they themselves will create and uphold the integrity of these processes.

Values. First, the company must undergo a rigorous exercise of identifying its core values. These values will govern behavior and ultimately influence the way you manage your people—the way you develop, advance and reward them. But it does not suffice to simply talk about values for these must be reinforced by the culture, performance metrics, rewards and punishment, and communication.

Culture. Culture can be developed through a shared belief in the value of performance with accountability. That yes, it is alright to take reasonable risks, but in the end, we should not only learn to manage risks but also be ultimately accountable for the consequences. Developing the culture also means encouraging managers to make hard decisions. We have to overcome cultural barriers that inhibit us from making tough decisions, particularly as they involve people in positions of power or people with strong personal ties.

Performance management. A good performance management system should provide a fair and objective way by which to measure performance. At the same time, the board has to have greater involvement in the development and evaluation of such plans. It rewards good performance but also highlights potential problem areas and this is where many performance evaluation exercises are weak. Chronic lapses in judgment, failure in the decision-making process or general mismanagement can be identified and immediately addressed in ongoing performance discussions and therefore arrested early on.

Leadership. The process by which a company identifies the right leader must be a most rigorous one. It should include a hiring and succession planning mechanism that allows it to appoint to leadership positions only individuals with the appropriate background, track record and competencies—leaders capable of leading by example and able to promote true stewardship of the company.

Remuneration. Executive compensation programs must be designed to support a company's business strategy. Not only that, these programs must align executive interests with those of shareholders. However, certain executive pay programs are so highly leveraged and risk-oriented that they could encourage executives to act for immediate personal gain rather than for the shareholders' best interests.

An effective reward program reinforces the desired behavior and in turn, reinforces the appropriate culture. Over and beyond short-term focus, incentive pay should encourage the achievement of medium- to long-term targets.

An incentive program that hinges solely on stock appreciation may indeed cause stock prices to rise one way or another. Particularly in inefficient equities markets, however, window dressing may turn a stock attractive in the short-term but not reflect the long-term viability of the company.

Benefits. In Australia, our colleagues there are at the forefront of promoting governance of pension/superannuation funds. As many of you know, a big part of our business is dedicated to helping companies set up and manage better their retirement and benefit strategies.

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Communication. Many companies continue to have a deeply entrenched culture of entitlement, although it is encouraging to observe improvements happening now. It is this culture of entitlement and favoritism ("padrino" system) that discourages feedback and the challenging of questionable business practices. But if we are to safeguard the company against possible mismanagement, we must promote open and honest communication at all levels, in all direction.

Conclusion

In summary, we need to recognize the conditions for a successful business environment. These are the (1) rule of law, (2) free flow of information and (3) the discipline of failure. At the core of corporate governance is a shared belief in certain values—values that are lived by people like you and values that are embedded in the processes of running your own business.

If we do not institute proper mechanisms to embed proper values in corporate processes, and to detect fraud and abuse, the company could eventually be exposed to grave risk, the shareholders' investments jeopardized, and even the company's continued existence placed in serious doubt. As more and more studies show that there is in fact a link between good governance and improvements to shareholder value, intuitively, we also know that a well-run company attracts more and better quality investors. And well-run companies are the foundation of a vibrant and growing economy.

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Developing a successful performance management system

A STRATEGIC plan must specify goals, strategic objectives and actions and the final performance measures by which management and stockholders will gauge success.

Top management's performance can usually be measured in terms of sales volume, market share, cash flow, profit, ROI, dividends and market value. For operating management, however, there is often a big disconnect from the strategic plan. The disconnect is due to the lack of alignment and proper measurement of the business processes and activities that drive financial results. This misalignment of performance measurement between goals, strategy, processes and activities is often poorly understood, and so does not get the emphasis and priority it should from management.

What management defines as critical success factors at the strategic level must be linked clearly to the business process and activity level. Successfully linking the real drivers of business performance is a prerequisite to effective performance measurement.

Good measurements

A primary purpose of measurement is to assess performance levels and to analyze what is happening and where. The most beneficial aspect of performance measurement, however, is pinpointing problem areas and focusing attention on actions that will have the best impact on overall business performance.

Without good performance measurements, it is easy to fall into the common trap of having people busy with all kinds of activities, but achieving few measurable results. Effective performance measurement is the compass that guides management in a direction that will produce meaningful results at the process level, results that will tie directly to your company's goals.

The fact is, it is very difficult to improve what you don't properly measure. The pressure to focus energy on activities that really matter must come from the highest levels of the enterprise.

Top management can talk about the need for making improvements, but unless the right performance factors are measured and rewarded, nothing will change. For example today's world-class manufacturers are continually tracking process performance factors that ultimately impact business success, such as order-to-delivery cycle time, throughput, inventory levels, operating expense and customer satisfaction.

Wrong measures can cause havoc

Inappropriate measures will often lead managers to respond to situations incorrectly, and continue to reinforce undesirable behavior. For example, Cases Per Man-Hour. A legacy of the scientific management, this is a classic example of a Silo KPI.

For years, the "economies of scale" paradigm has been the only acceptable model used in production facilities. The economic theory of spreading fixed costs over long runs compel plant managers to dislike changeovers and run their factories for days, weeks (or if possible, months on end) without any changeover, the result, excessive inventory, high carrying costs, bad orders etc.

Keeping an entire organization focused on the right targets and moving in the right direction is no easy task. Of course, what managers think their superiors consider important through the formal or informal measurement systems is what is going to get done. For example, if something like cycle time gets good words from top management, but answering for the result is of minor consequence, cycle time essentially becomes a secondary issue, if it exists as a real performance at all. And if the performance measurement system does not focus on a clear direction, the measurement system itself will enforce the wrong actions.

If your company has conflicting performance measures, you are certain to have differing values and directions, many of which will be disconnected from the company's strategy. Without uniform expectations, it is virtually impossible to keep an organization marching toward the same goals. This, by itself, makes re-evaluating how you measure business performance a very high priority.

Managers must strive to direct all levels of their organization to focus on the right priorities. World-class companies have learned (many the hard way) that effective performance measurement that will drive improvement and continue to encourage the right response and behavior requires linking strategy with day-to-day actions.

Financial results are the ultimate measures but not drivers of business success. As a result, the need to link day-to-day activities to financial results is necessary.

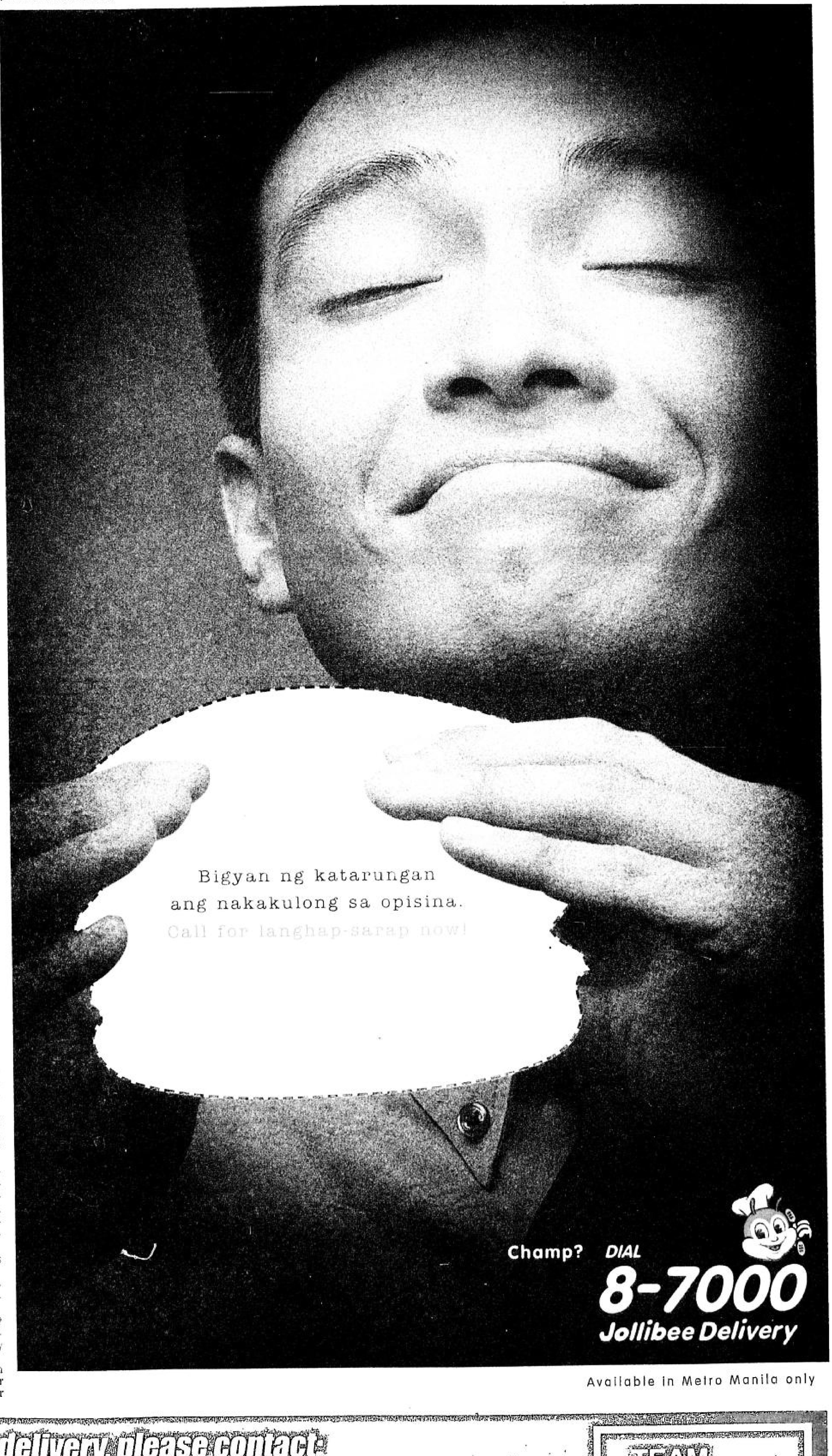
For quick assessment of whether your organization is on the right track with operational performance measurement, realistically consider the following five questions. The questions are intended to help you develop a perspective on your company's performance measurement situation:

1. Are your key performance indicators aligned with your corporate strategy?
2. Do functional managers hit their performance targets but your organization is not achieving the expected growth or delivery results?
3.Are targets frequently reviewed and re-set?
4.Are your top-tier KPI's reviewed with action plans made at Mancom level on a weekly or monthly basis?
5.Do you have a culture of conflict between different functions who all claim they hit their targets but cannot understand why customer needs are not met?

As you design, develop and implement your new performance measurement system, keep in mind that successful measurement systems share common traits. Here are some of the critical traits:

- Designed and aligned to strategic and operational objectives
- Driven by customer requirements (internal and external)
- Success factors that drive results and improvement are defined
- Expressed in numbers that enable performance to be tracked and the right action taken
- Functional KPI's are aligned horizontally, but also bridge the gaps vertically (i.e. measurement frequency—hourly, daily, weekly and monthly)
- Understandable to the people who have to use the measurement system or be evaluated by it
- Promotes company-wide involvement in continuous improvement

Performance measurement systems should enable managers to precisely communicate performance expectations to subordinates for several reasons so they know how the organization is really performing and can identify performance gaps; and, to effectively make and support decisions regarding resources, plans, policies, scheduled, and business process redesign. *(Anna Testa is the managing principal of S&G International Consulting Inc., an international management consultancy firm)*



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MBAs no longer golden boys of '90s

NEW YORK—Landing a job at a technology giant like Hewlett-Packard Co. was a prize Kevin Martin held out for himself as he toiled through his arduous years at business school.

He kept his hopes alive through the implosion of the technology sector, and as other industries that had been major recruiters, investment banking and consulting, also hit the skids. By the time he graduated from the University of California at Irvine's MBA program this year, Martin's quest was looking far more complicated than it would have been during the 1990s boom.

"I was looking to get a position at HP, Intel, or another similar large organization," said Martin. "But with the tech downturn, the HP merger (with Compaq) and other factors, it seemed that none of these companies were even accepting applications from outside."

After a considerable search, Martin was able to land a job—not at HP, but with Nanogen Inc., a technology firm based in San Diego. The salary and signing bonus were "competitive, or even above" what is customarily given to new MBA hires.

His luck has eluded some other graduates. A tight job market—the hallmark of a halting economic recovery in the United States—is being felt by thousands of new MBAs churned out by the more than 350 US business schools.

A few years ago, students such as Martin could have expected multiple, simultaneous job offers with huge salaries and signing bonuses. But those sweeteners have been replaced by the highest US unemployment rate in nearly eight years and a stock market poised at the precipice of a long-term bear run.

Even graduates of the most elite programs in the United States have had to show more pluck and initiative recently in order to find jobs in an uncertain economic environment.

Other graduates of Irvine's management school were looking to move right into lucrative jobs in Southern California's so-called Tech Coast region, which had absorbed previous legions of Irvine MBAs. But like Martin, they've had to improvise.

"Colleagues (have been) looking into jobs with the Peace Corps, the Defense Department, the IRS and other government agencies or nonprofits where the pay is historically less than most companies," Martin said.

Turnaround

If the late 1990s constituted the Golden Age of global financial markets, then few other groups of recent graduates were at its vanguard quite like MBAs.

Often regaled with six-figure starting salaries and hefty stock options, business school graduates ended job searches full of juicy picks.

But times have changed and business school graduates have had to adjust, according to Randy Williams of the MBA Career Services Council, a group of business-school placement professionals.

"If you look at two years ago when you had this ultra-hot MBA market, it's turned 180 degrees. It's very tough competition out there for MBA jobs," Williams said.

Wall Street, a beacon for biz school grads for nearly two decades, has dimmed its lights. Brokerage firms have gone through mass layoffs and there are fears that more could be on the way.

The major accounting and consulting firms have had their own shock as Enron's one-time advisor Andersen, one of the Big Five firms with 85,000 employees, decided to wind down its operations because of its role in the financial scandal. That whittled the industry, traditionally a major hiring force for MBAs, to a quartet, or so-called "Final Four."

"The MBA job-creation machine (in the late '90s) was driven by technology, the dotcom boom, investment banking and consulting. Those are industries which all contracted at the same time," Williams said.

Indeed, investment banking and consulting jobs were the most severe victims of the labor market bloodletting that occurred after the collapse of the Nasdaq in 2000, and has worsened during the two-year bear market.

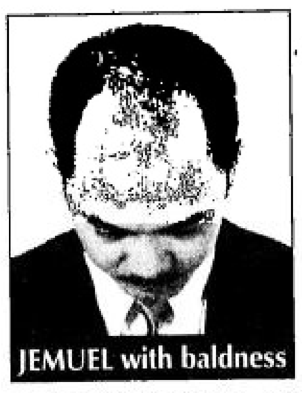
Even Ivy league feels the pain

Some argue that graduating from an elite school makes the difference in landing jobs at the best companies.

"All business schools are not created equal," sniffed one official at a top-ranked program, who asked not to be identified. He added that graduates at prestigious schools "often have a set of advantages not everyone has."

Last year more than 60 percent of MBA graduates from top schools, like Columbia, Harvard and University of Pennsylvania, landed in investment banking and consulting jobs—not as many as in the 1990s but still enough to show that they have cachet even in hard times.

But even highly regarded institutions are feeling the pain. "It's definitely been a tougher year than in the past," said Paula Greenberg, associate director of the graduate division at Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. ***Reuters***



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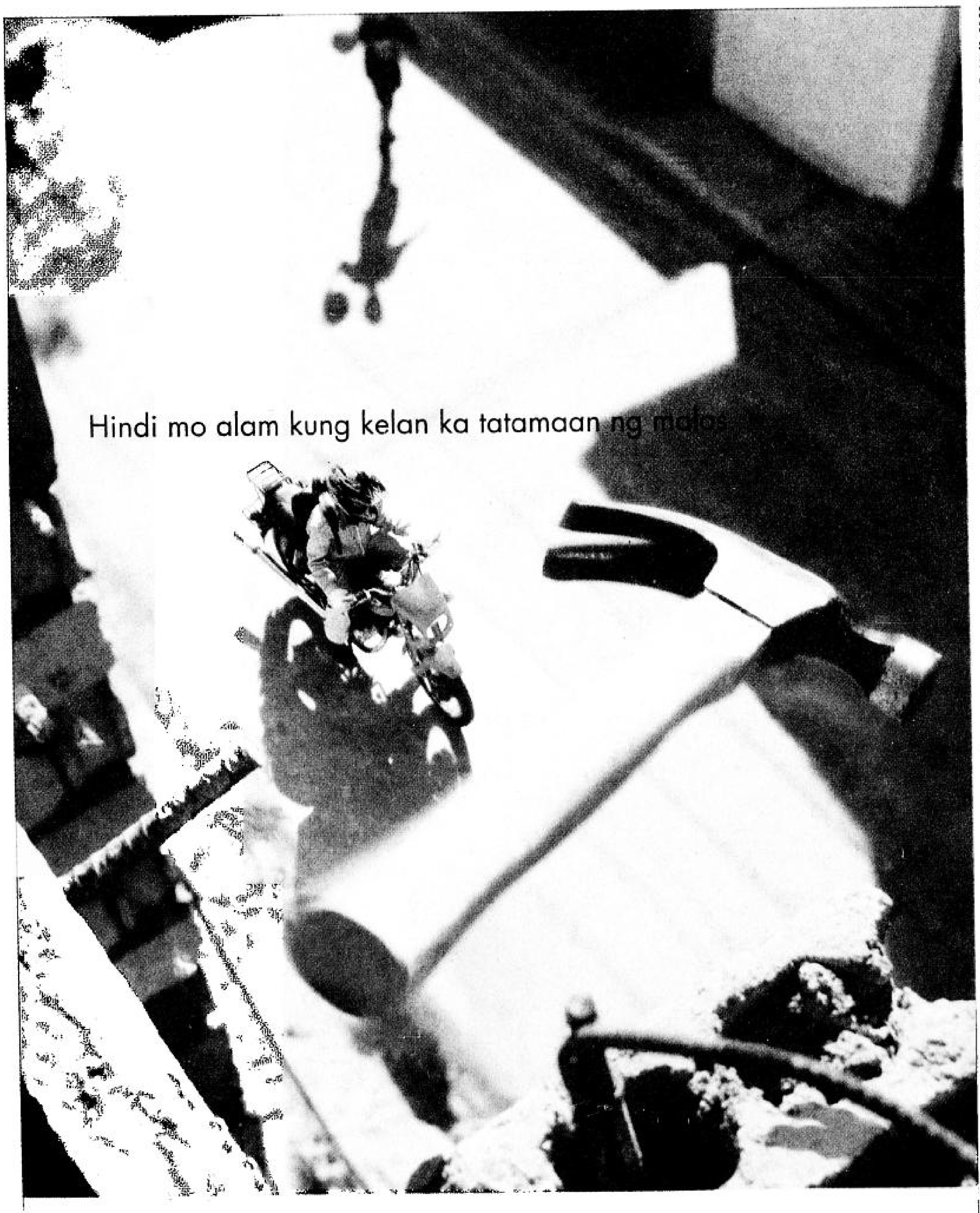

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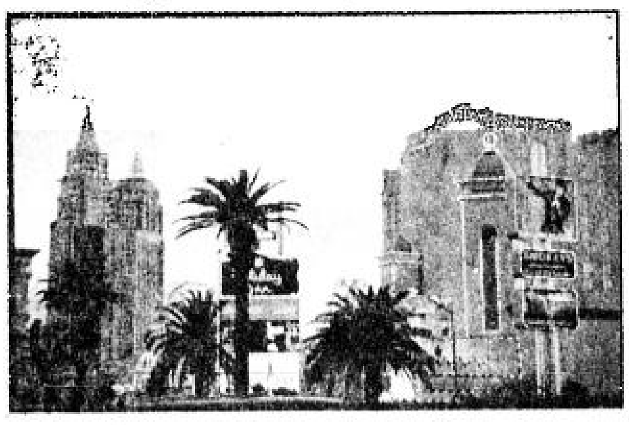

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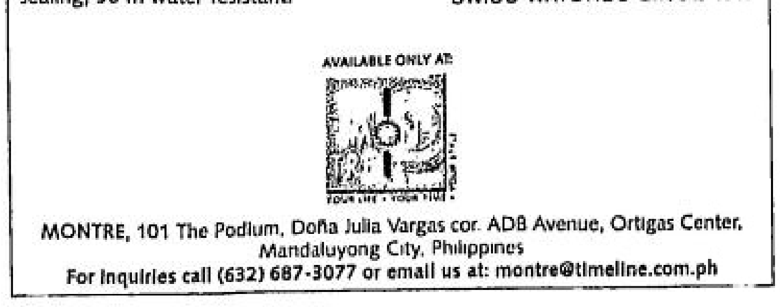

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CECILE Licad acknowledges standing ovation at the Marco Polo Hotel in Davao City before her Singapore concert.

Zaens triumphs in Prague; Licad conquers Singapore

By Pablo Tariman
Contributor

THE MUSIC news of the week is that baritone Jonathan Zaens sang the role of Leporello in "Don Giovanni" at the Prague State Opera and got his share of euphoric applause. He even got more thunderous applause than the singer playing the title role.

The Filipino baritone performed so well that he was immediately offered the role of Guglielmo in "Cosi fan tutti" for the next season in February. The Estates Theater (Stavovske Divadlo) of Prague also asked him to reprise the role of Leporello for the whole summer (a total of 13 performances). It was in this same theater that Mozart conducted the first performance of "Don Giovanni."

Last March, Zaens sang three performances of an exhausting role from a Stockhausen opera for the Berliner Festspiele (yes, Stockhausen was the same composer whose opera was temporarily suspended in Berliner after he was quoted out of context, saying 9/11 was a work of art). Zaens was surprised when Stockhausen himself called him after the performance to praise the clarity and intensity of his singing. Forthwith, Zaens was offered a role for a new opera commissioned by the Salzburger Festpiele 2003 (yes, the famous Salzburg Festival). Thus far, only two Filipinos have made it to this festival: soprano Evelyn Mandac, who was conducted by Karajan in "Le Nozze di Figaro;" and tenor Otoniel Gonzaga, who was hired as a substitute for an indisposed Luis Lima, also under Karajan.

Runaway winner

Last July 7, Licad made a triumphant Singapore debut at the Victoria Theater. She was given a standing ovation for her Chopin's Twelve Etudes, Op. 10 (she played Op. 25 in Manila). There were four pianists before Licad in the Singapore Arts Festival. After she gave four encores (the cheering wouldn't stop), the theater piano tuner told her, "If this musicfest were a competition, you would be the runaway winner."

Before leaving for Singapore, Licad basked before a standing ovation at the Marco Polo Hotel Ballroom in Davao City. "I know that

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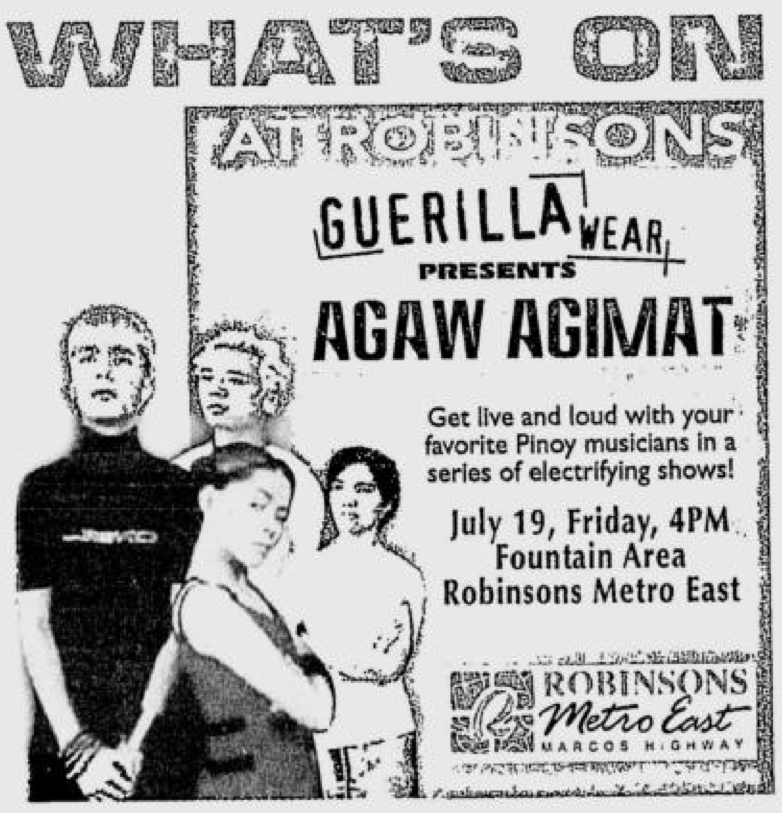

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FOLK-JAZZ artist Paolo Santos

Paolo, with Janno, at 'Gathering of Friends'

PAOLO Santos, a fast-rising folk and jazz performer, will hold a concert in the Magellan Room of the Discovery Suites, Ortigas Center, Pasig, on July 17, 9 p.m. He will be joined by versatile star Janno Gibbs as special guest.

Billed as "Paolo Santos at a Gathering of Friends," the concert is presented by Discovery Suites and Wave 89.1, the popular music station on which he does a show every Wednesday night familiarizing audiences with modern-day songwriters and singers—three at a time—by characterizing them and performing a song done by each of them.

With a repertoire that cuts across the decades, Paolo has been attracting a following across the generations. He is known for his passionate yet relaxed performance, his subtle arrangements, his improvisations, his dramatic guitar-playing and his humor. He is singled out for a falsetto that is full-toned and allows him to sing songs originally intended for female voices, say, a Patti Austin or a Vanessa Williams.

Only two years in the scene, Paolo has been doing at least five gigs a week, currently at Art. Ave., where he began, Chef and Brewer, Friends (all at Ortigas Center), Bagaberde (Valle Verde, also in Pasig) and Pipers, in Legazpi Village, Makati. He has also performed at Hard Rock Café in Makati and Bird's Nest, Chicago.

"Gathering of Friends" is Paolo's first full-blown solo concert in the metropolis, although he has done some in provincial cities.

Tickets are available at Art Ave. (on Pearl Drive), Chef & Brewer (on Emerald Avenue), and Discovery Suites (at the back of El Pueblo), all in Ortigas Center.

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Zaens triumphs in Prague; Licad conquers Singapore

From page D1

she is good but I didn't realize she was that good until I heard her," said Davao-based choreographer Agnes Locsin. "This is also the first time all of Davao's who's whos are in a concert," she added.

The Davao concert was sponsored by the Southern Philippines Foundation for Arts, Culture and Ecology and the Bahaghari Production under former Miss Universe Margie Moran Floirendo, who promised to invite Licad back to Davao, so she could play again, this time with a symphony orchestra.

Heavy rains trailed Licad in Antipolo City where she played her Singapore program (Chopin Op. 10) at Dr. Joven Cuanang's living. The three-fourth grand piano, which traveled from Manila to Laoag (for Licad's performance there), resurfaced in Antipolo City where an intimate audience gave her another standing ovation after her electrifying performance of Busoni-LIszt's Mephisto Waltz.

Before her Singapore concert, Licad played for the students of the UST Conservatory of Music, where she had a dialogue with campus musicians invited by Dean Raul Sunico. In that forum, Licad said she was sure of her talent since the beginning, but it was pure hard work that made her what she is now.

She also found time to hear NAMCYA winner Oliver Salonga, who was overwhelmed by Licad coaching him in Chopin's Scherzo. But the young artist who got the thrill of his life was flutist GJ Herman Gomez who, after playing two Claude Bolling pieces accompanied by Jonathan Arevalo Coo, was accompanied by no less than Licad herself in Schubert's Sonata Arpeggione.

CECILE Licad with Davao City impresario and former Miss Universe Margie Moran Floirendo

"When Licad accompanied me, I felt as though music was flowing spontaneously, and, of course, until I saw her go to the piano, I couldn't believe she would accompany me," the flutist said. "But I was already star-struck watching her in three solo performances. For me, Licad is the epitome of a great artist and a real human being."

Santamaria and Reyes

AFTER the Singapore performance, we went to Villa Escudero in San Pablo City to watch six piano concertos as heavy rains flooded Metro Manila.

Ingrid Sala Santamaria took the soloist part while Reynaldo Reyes played the orchestra part in a concerto journey that had the pianists trailed by a retinue of piano movers and piano tuner (yes, they brought their own two baby grand everywhere they went). On a Saturday morning, we had Beethoven's Emperor Concerto and in the afternoon, we feasted on Grieg's A Minor Concerto.

The episode afforded me a chance to see the management style of Ado Escudero.

We went to the Escudero ancestral house for cocktails and there I saw a party scene straight out of Peque Gallaga's "Oro, Plata, Mata." After the cocktails, we drove to the concert hall in a caromata festooned with coconut leaves and escorted by men and women in *camisa de chino* and *patadyong*.

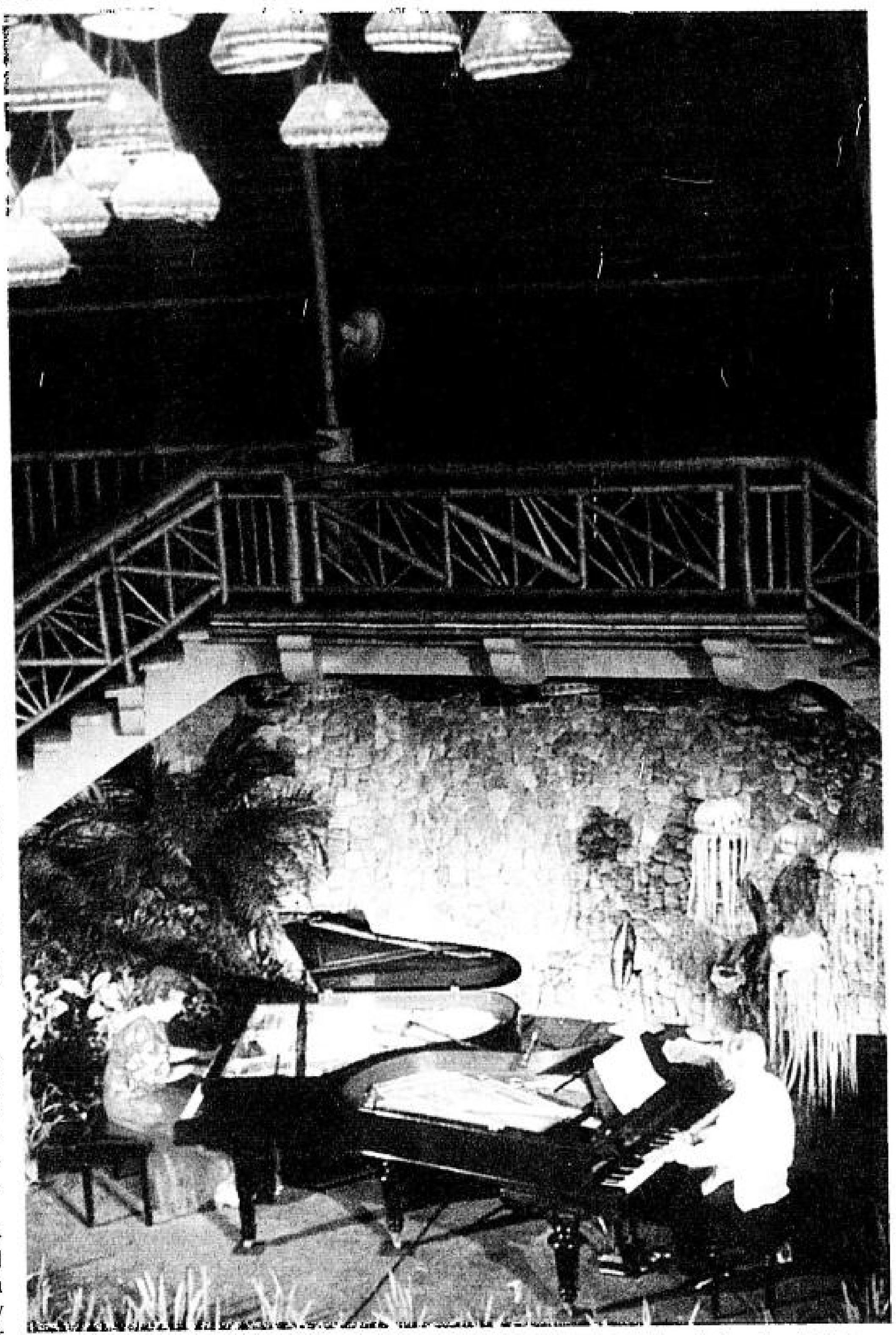
Pianist Santamaria was in her element in Rachmaninoff Second and Reyes more than made up for the lack of orchestra. Both had rapport. Santamaria proved equal to the classical warhorse.

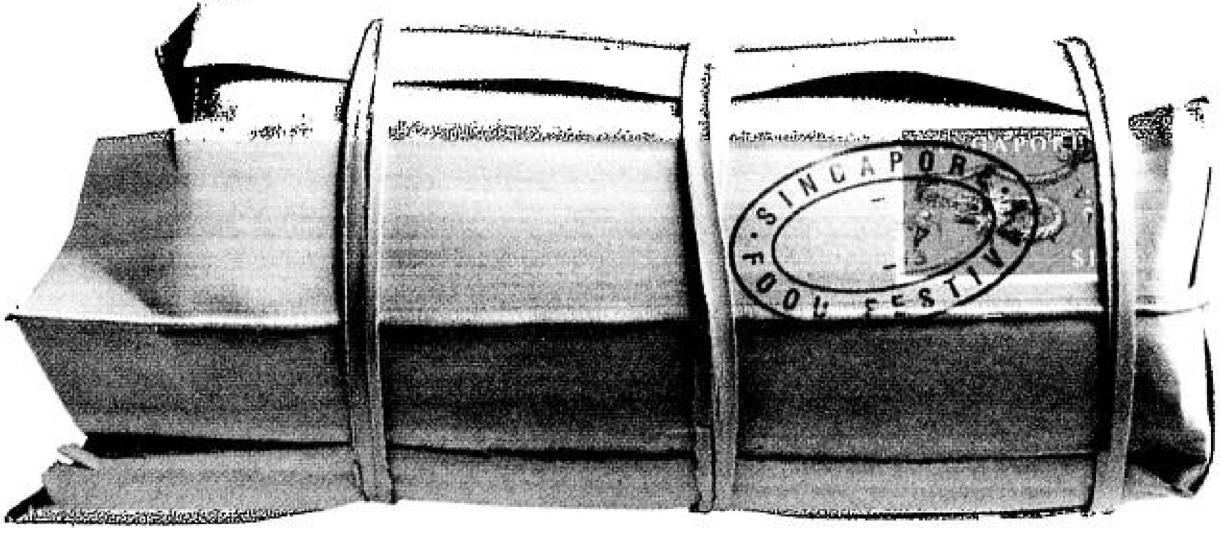
Escudero hosted a reception after the concert. The Villa's trained dancers and musicians added ambience to the whole affair.

Here and there

IN AN INTERNATIONAL contest in Canada, baritone Marvin Gayramon was the crowd favorite. After the contest, he was approached by no less than a member of the jury, mezzo soprano Marlyn Horne, who commended him for his stage presence.

Not to be missed at the CCP is the return engagement of guitarist Michael Dadap with violinist Yeou Cheng Ma and the Loboc Children's Choir on July 28. Yeou Cheng Ma isn't just the better half of Dadap; she is also the sister of the famous cellist, Yo Yo Ma.


A VIEW of the Villa Escudero concert hall in San Pablo City, with painists Ingrid Sala Santamaria and Reynaldo Reyes performing



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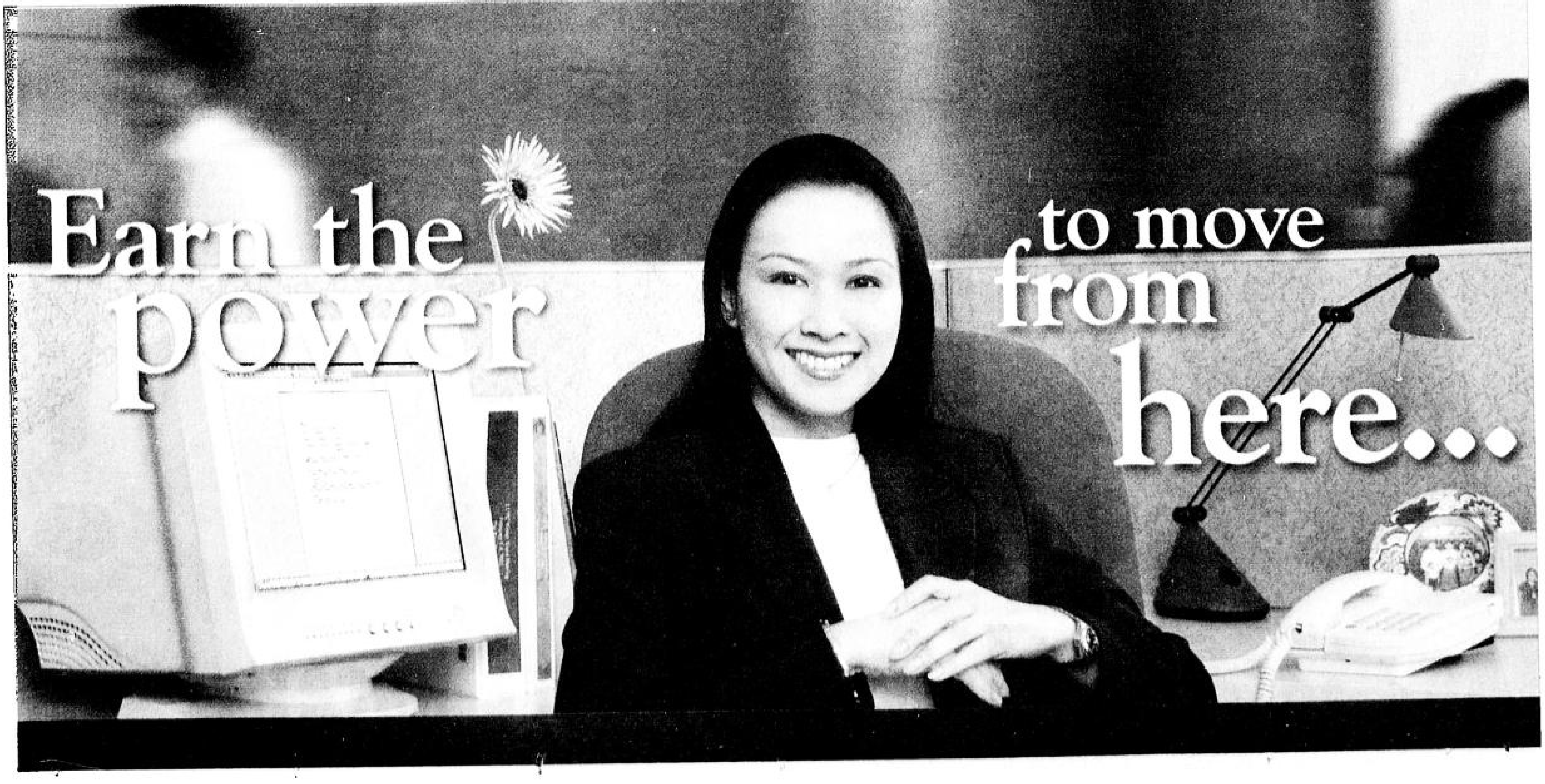
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TANGHALANG Ateneo and Bulwagang Bughaw will stage the musical "Ang Bagong Damit ng Dakilang Bahag Hari," an adaptation by Ony de Leon of the children's tale "The Emperor's New Clothes." The stage adaptation is situated in a mythical Southeast Asian kingdom, replete with rich costumes, masks, puppets, and monumental batik pieces. It stars Arnold Reyes. Director is Ricardo Abad. Visit www.tanghalangateneo.org.

'Sisa' at NCCA

THE FAR Eastern University's President's Committee on Culture, and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) will stage the one-act monologue, "Sisa," on July 20, 6 p.m. at the NCCA Tanghalang Leandro Locsin, Intramuros, Manila.

The play is written, acted and directed by veteran artist-educator-writer Rustica C. Carpio. It will have songs by by Ana Katrina Lara Baluyot. Gloria Asis-Mendoza is narrator.

Carpio had trained in theater at FEU under the late Prof. Sarah K. Joaquin, at the Manuel L. Quezon University under Prof. Luz Laurel-Gadi, and at New York's Actors Studio under Jack and Aida Forster. She had also worked in Russia.

Presently, she is executive director of FEU President's Committee on Culture and consultant on arts and culture of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and professorial lecturer at the UST Graduate School.

THE REPERTORY Children's Theater will stage "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" (book and lyrics by Elsa Rael, music by Michael Valenti) on July 20, 10:30 a.m., at the William J. Shaw Theater. Directed by Joy Virata, it runs every Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 15. Call 633-4822 to -25.

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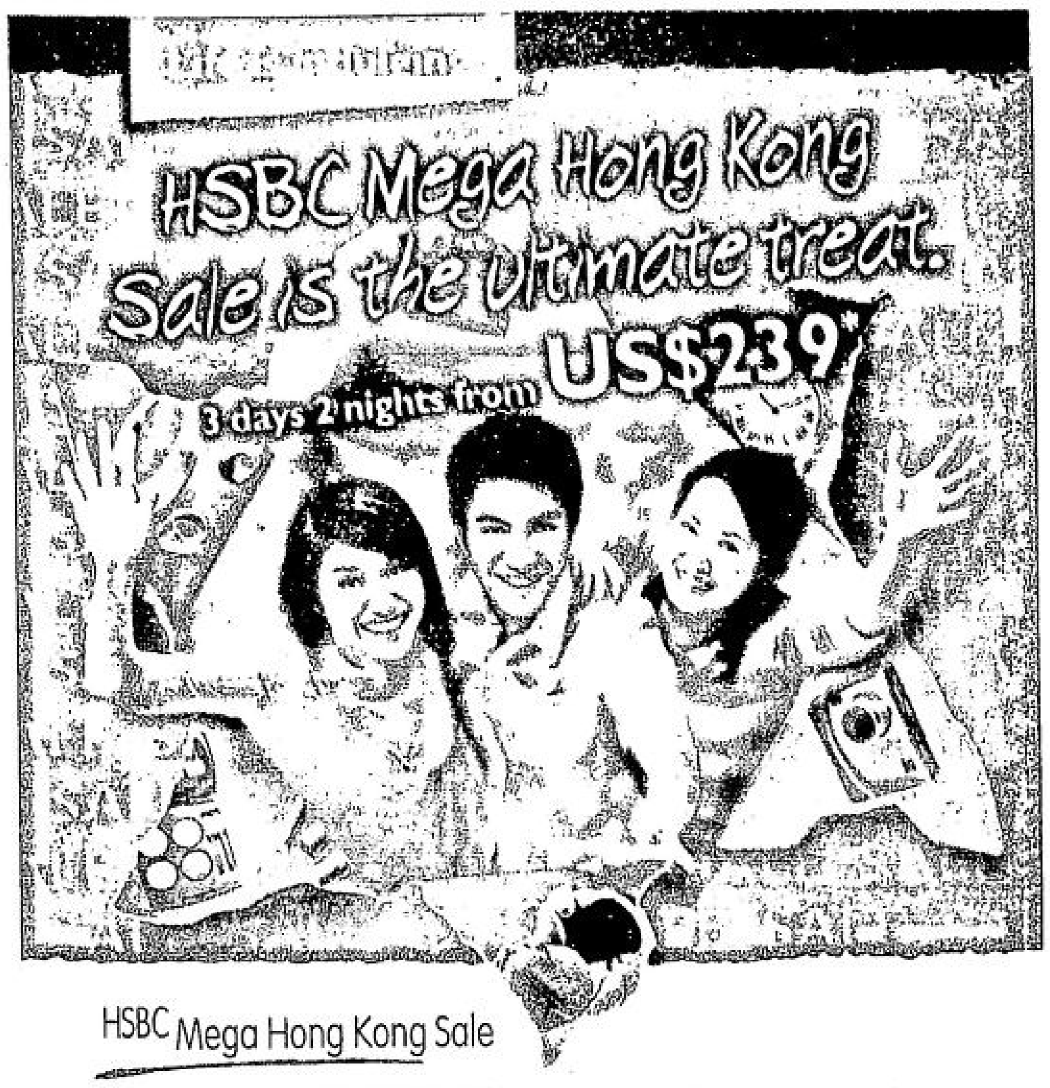
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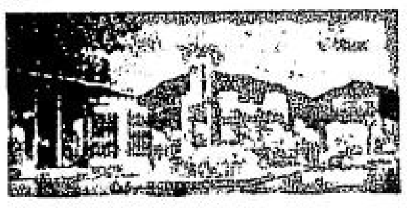

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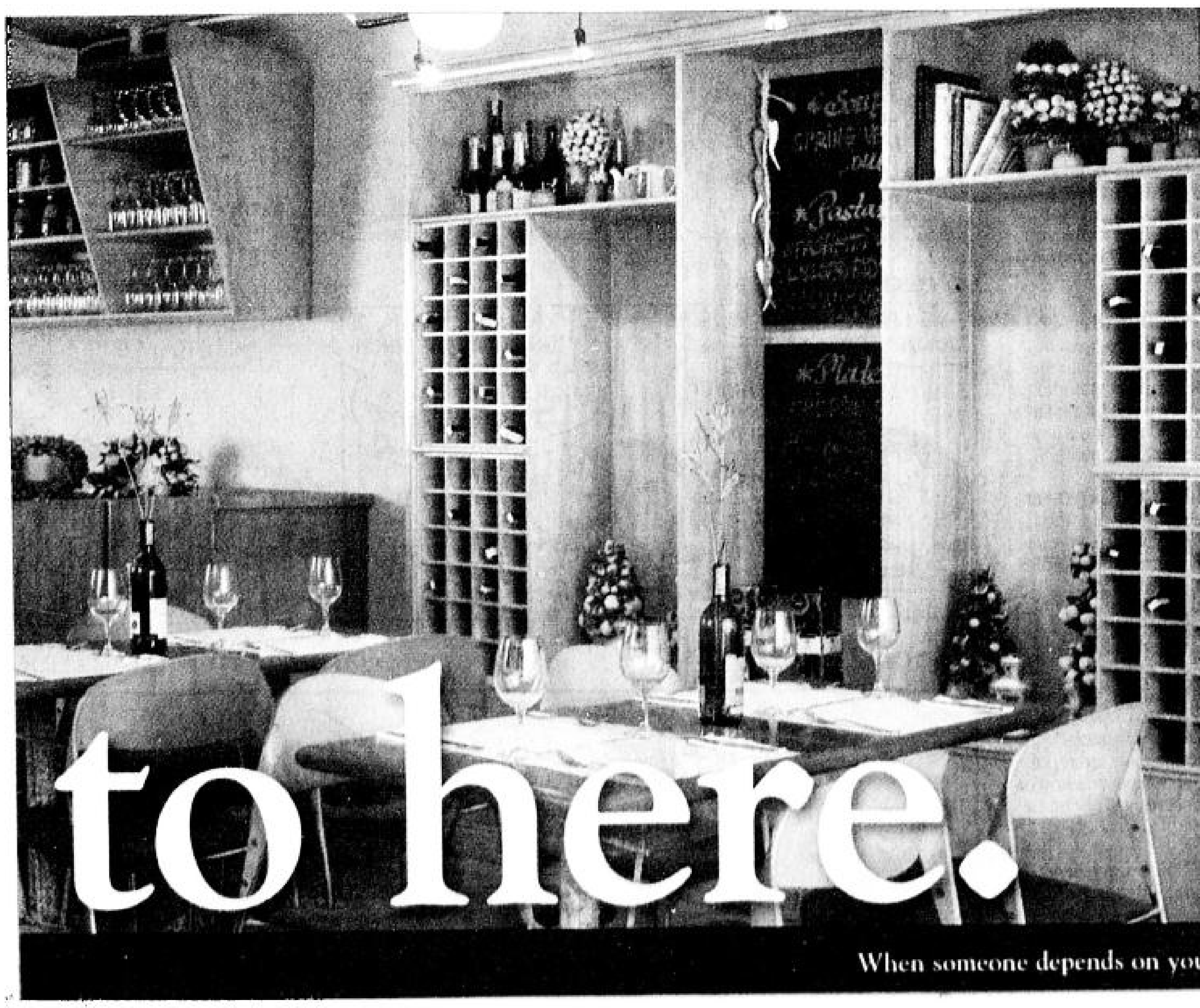

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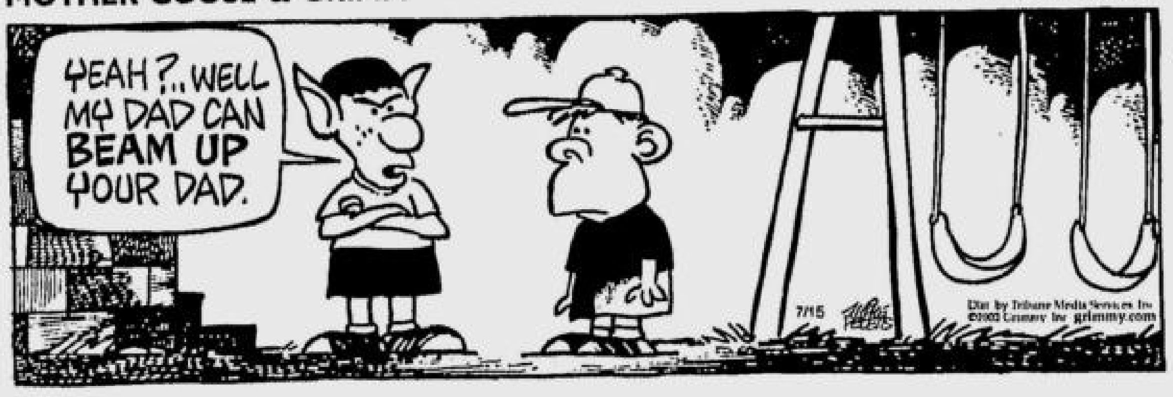
YEAH?... WELL MY DAD CAN BEAM UP YOUR DAD.
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ATOMO AND WEBOY

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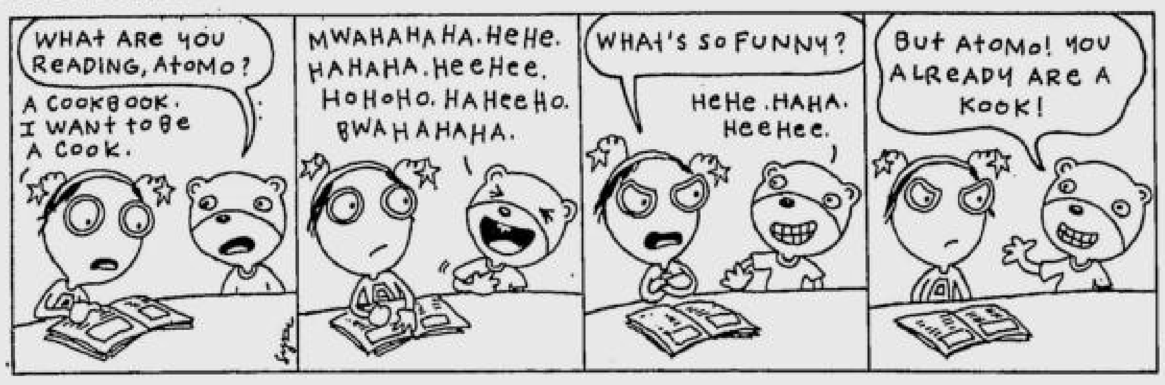
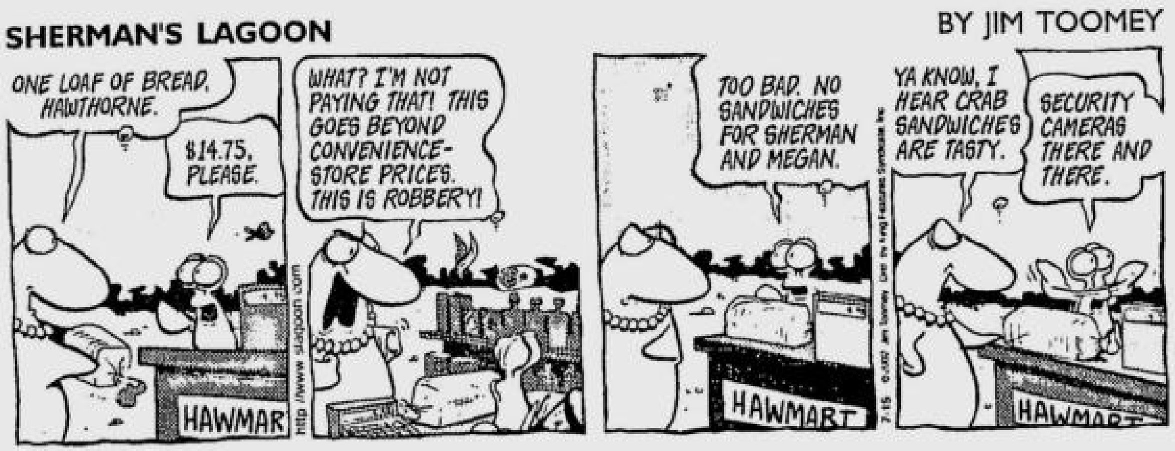

WHAT ARE YOU READING, ATOMO?
A COOKBOOK. I WANT TO BE A COOK.
MWAHAHAHA. HEHE. HAHAHA. HEEHEE. HOHOHO. HAHEEHO. BWAHAHAHA.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
HEHE. HAHA. HEEHEE.
BUT ATOMO! YOU ALREADY ARE A KOOK!

SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY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HAWMAR
http://www.slagoon.com
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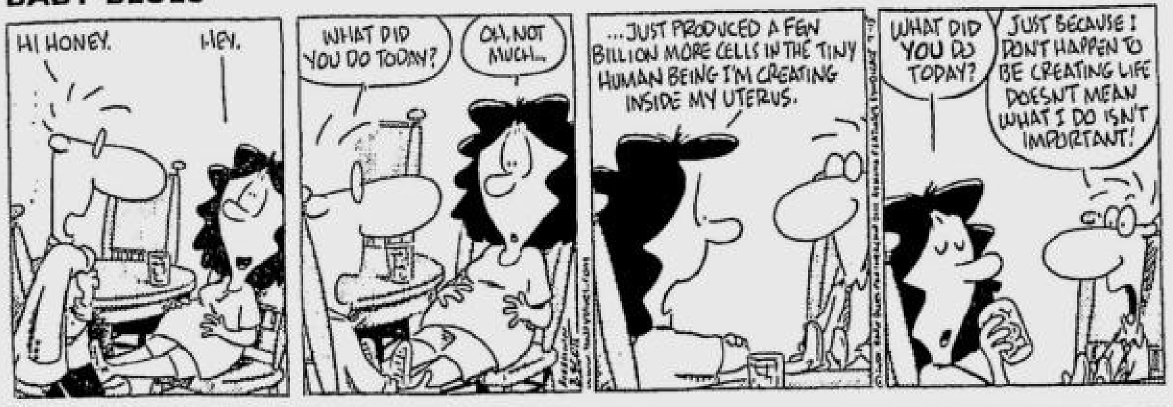
TOO BAD. NO SANDWICHES FOR SHERMAN AND MEGAN.
HAWMART
YA KNOW, I HEAR CRAB SANDWICHES ARE TASTY.
SECURITY CAMERAS THERE AND THERE.
HAWMART

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


HI HONEY.
HEY.
WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?
OH, NOT MUCH...
...JUST PRODUCED A FEW BILLION MORE CELLS IN THE TINY HUMAN BEING I'M CREATING INSIDE MY UTERUS.
WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?
JUST BECAUSE I DON'T HAPPEN TO BE CREATING LIFE DOESN'T MEAN WHAT I DO ISN'T IMPORTANT!

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Linda Ronstadt, Jesse Ventura, Brian Austin Green

Happy Birthday: You'll be hard working, responsible and disciplined this year. Your ability to help others will enhance your reputation as well as bring you into contact with potential partners. This is a year of expansion both mentally and physically. Choose to forge ahead in a positive manner. You numbers are 8, 13, 14, 18, 23, 37

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Memories may come back to haunt you today. You need to stay calm and refuse to get drawn into an argument. Upset will stand in the way of your accomplishing what you set out to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Health may be an issue today if you allow yourself to become stressed. Advancement and recognition can be yours if you stay calm and act mature.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your self-confidence will ensure that you get your point across. Greater communication and interaction with others can be expected.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get involved in social activities that include your family. A change in your relationship with others will be due to your improved attitude and willingness to lend a hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You should consider doing a bit of traveling about today. You will discover a new place to go with friends or you will meet someone new while en route.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can expect to have some added responsibilities or burdens due to problems that older relatives are going through. You will accomplish the most if you put your energy into home-improvement projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will not let life pass you by today. You will have the strength to walk away from any relationship that no longer provides you with the mental and physical stimulation you require.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have opposition and conflict with competitors. Your employer is likely to sympathize, so don't bother complaining. If you are going to go after your goals, don't stop halfway .

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will attract many new friends as well as those in a position to grant you favors. You will be proud of the affiliations you have and you will go the extra mile to support them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You must be careful not to let fanatics bully you into attending a group meeting. You will be a bit of a wanderer today and this could lead to all sorts of unusual happenings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be eager to learn about turning your money into greater profits. You will seek knowledge that you know can be put to good use. By listening to what others have to say you will be able to make a wise choice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can expect to have more financial responsibility today. Be careful not to get put in a position of blame. Joint ventures will not be as they appear.

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring and moody. Change is the one thing that will make you grumpy. You will always need time to adjust to whatever is new or different from what you are used to.

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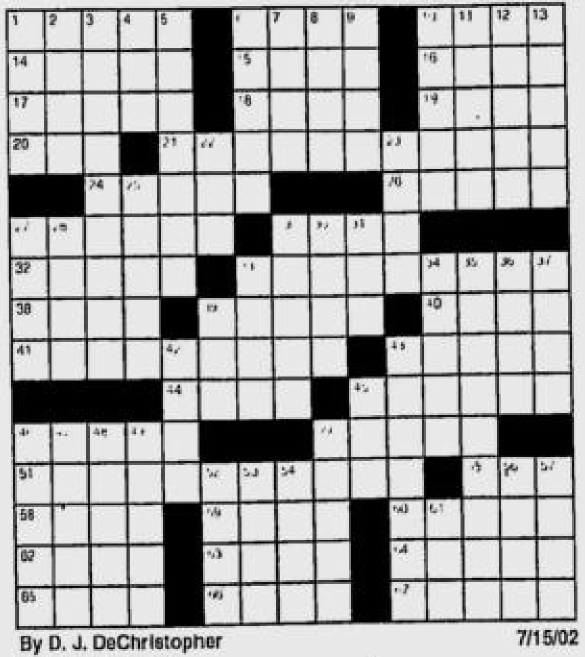

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32 Wide awake
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43 Teri Garr movie
44 River under the Brooklyn Bridge
45 Withdraw
46 Lacoste and Russo
50 Waterproof wool cloth
51 Ponderously clumsy
55 Holy smokes!
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59 Abrupt yank
60 Stringed instrument
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2 Environs
3 Like a mythical strongman
4 Press coverage
5 Rhythm section member
6 Witches' assembly
7 One Baldwin
8 Tea flavor
9 Soft drink
10 Have scruples
11 Walled city near Madrid
12 Safin of tennis
13 Kind of drum
22 Gold container?
23 Zany Imogene
25 Dweebs
27 Cowboys' school teacher
28 Margarine
29 First night
30 Currier's partner
31 Palindromic sibling
33 Gorcey and Durocher
34 Crooner Mel
35 Extremely large
36 Black Sea arm
37 Alaska town
39 Lingerie buy
42 Pianist John
43 Battlefield rescue
45 Gadgeteer Popeil
46 Disprove
47 Get hitched on the sly
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52 Slightly open
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57 Diner food
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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A. LIPIN

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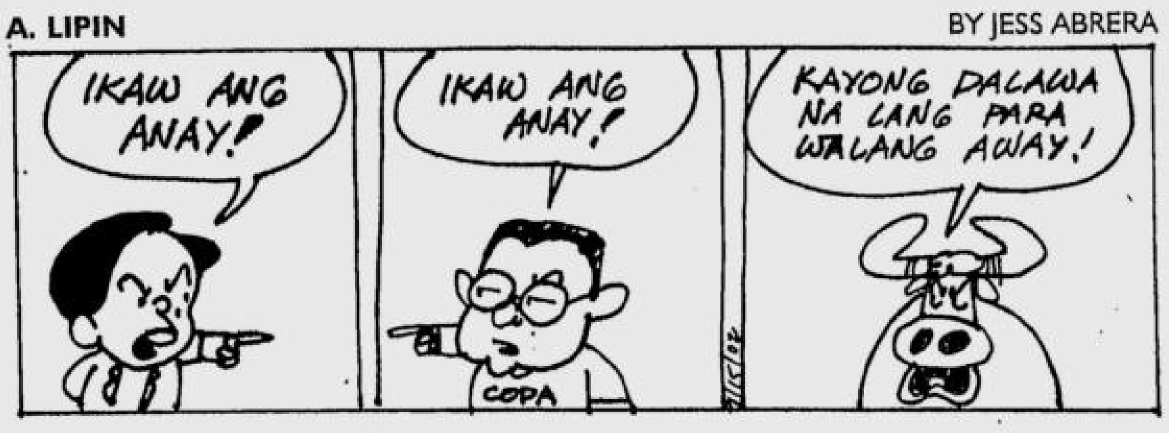
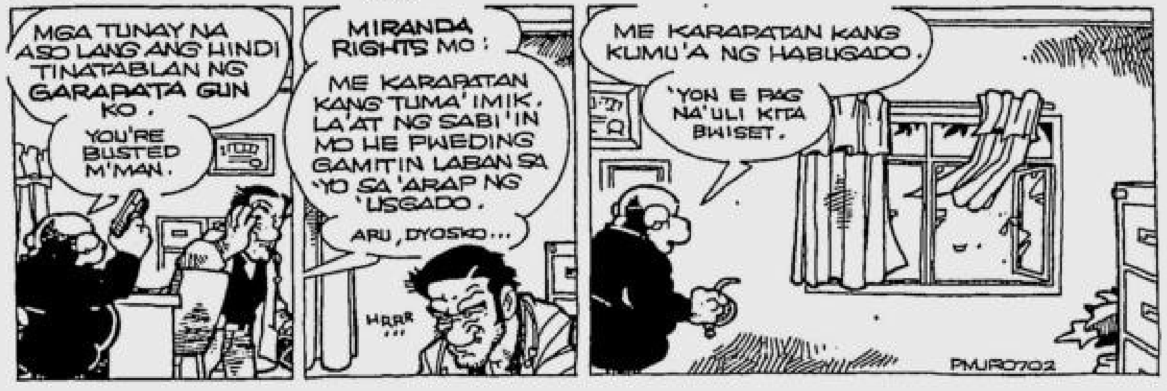

IKAW ANG ANAY!
IKAW ANG ANAY!
COPA
KAYONG DALAWA NA LANG PARA WALANG AWAY!

PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


MGA TUNAY NA ASO LANG ANG HINDI TINATABLAN NG GARAPATA GUN KO.
YOU'RE BUSTED M'MAN.
MIRANDA RIGHTS MO:
ME KARAPATAN KANG TUMA'IMIK. LA'AT NG SABI'IN MO HE PWEDING GAMITIN LABAN SA 'YO SA 'ARAP NG 'USGADO.
ARU, DYOSKO...
HRRR
ME KARAPATAN KANG KUMU'A NG HABUGADO.
'YON E PAG NA'ULI KITA BWISET.
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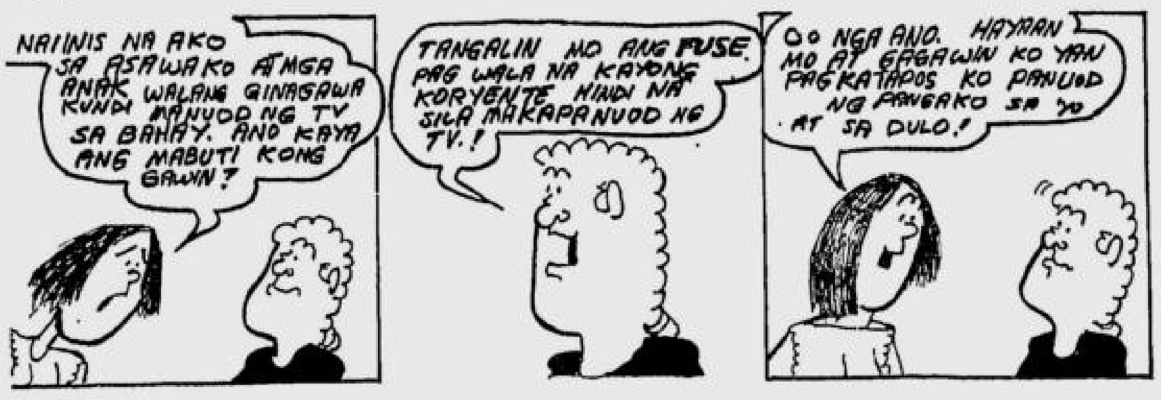
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA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TANGALIN MO ANG FUSE. PAG WALA NA KAYONG KORYENTE HINDI NA SILA MAKAPANUOD NG TV.!
OO NGA ANO. HAYAAN MO AT GAGAWIN KO YAN PAGKATAPOS KO PANUOD NG PANGAKO SA 'YO AT SA DULO!

MIKROKOSMOS

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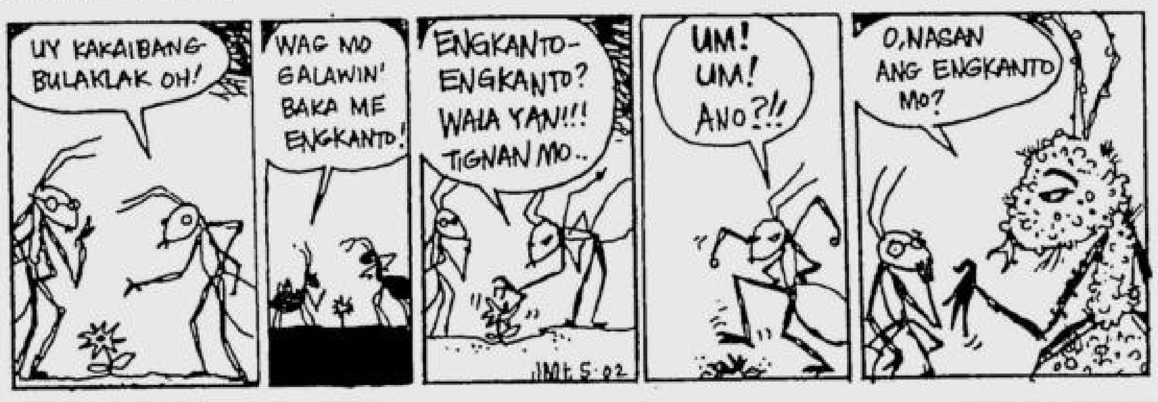
UY KAKAIBANG BULAKLAK OH!
WAG MO GALAWIN' BAKA ME ENGKANTO!
ENGKANTO-ENGKANTO? WALA YAN!!! TIGNAN MO..
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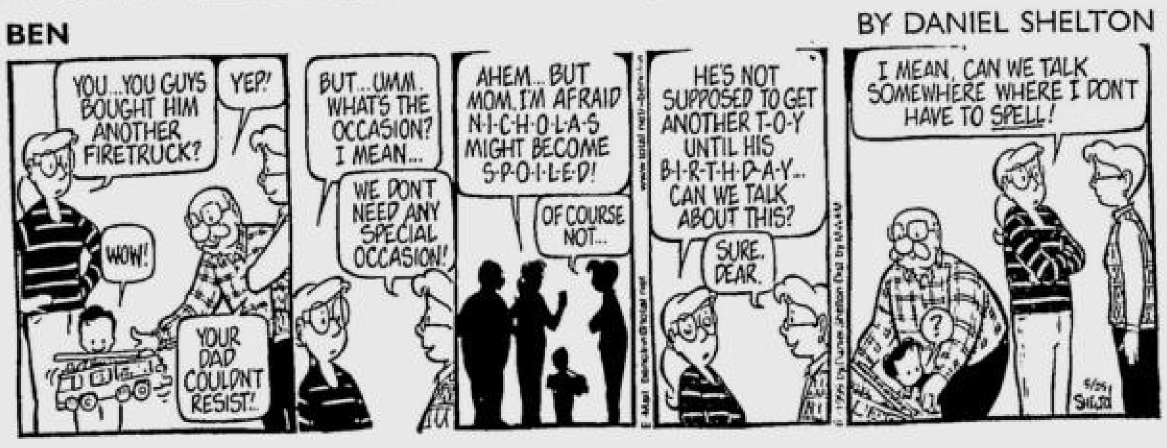
UM! UM! ANO?!!
O, NASAN ANG ENGKANTO MO?

BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON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YOUR DAD COULDN'T RESIST!
BUT...UMM. WHAT'S THE OCCASION? I MEAN...
WE DON'T NEED ANY SPECIAL OCCASION!
AHEM... BUT MOM, I'M AFRAID N-I-C-H-O-L-A-S MIGHT BECOME S-P-O-I-L-E-D!
OF COURSE NOT...
HE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO GET ANOTHER T-O-Y UNTIL HIS B-I-R-T-H-D-A-Y... CAN WE TALK ABOUT THIS?
SURE, DEAR.
I MEAN, CAN WE TALK SOMEWHERE WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO SPELL!

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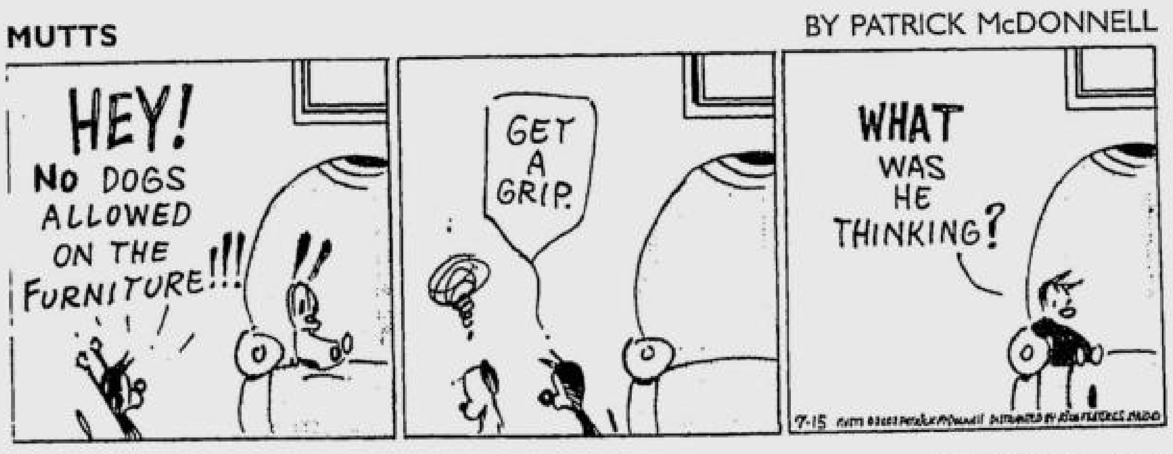
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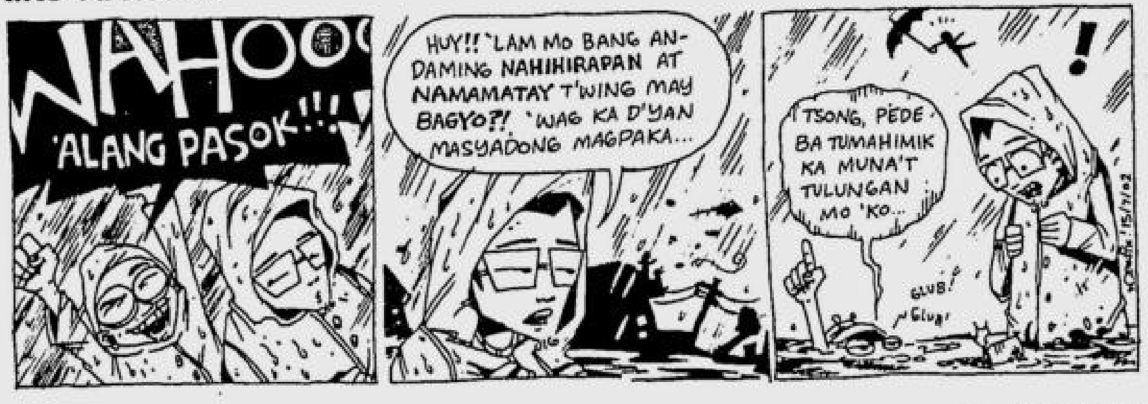
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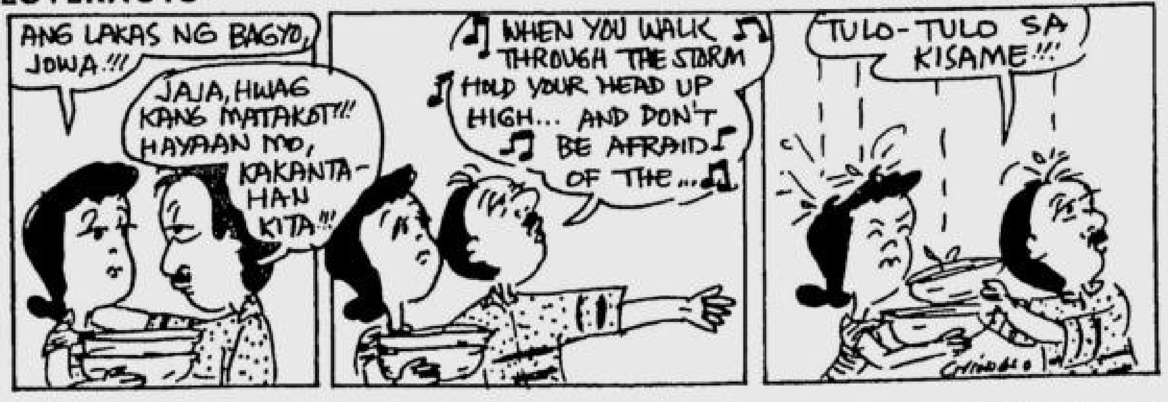
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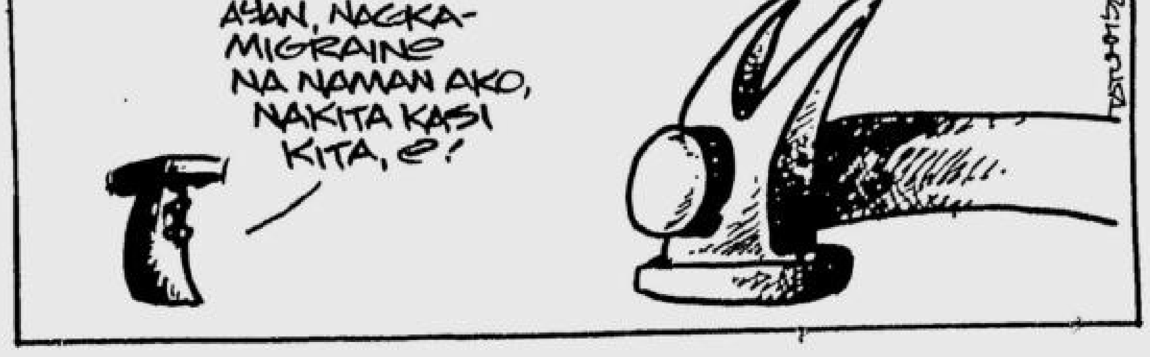
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MARISA Tomei and Nick Stahl on "In the Bedroom"

Literature into film

By Constantino C. Tejero

WHEN we saw the Argentine film "Yo, la Peor de Todas (I, the Worst of All)" at the Instituto Cervantes recently, we were struck by its remarkable structuring of narrative, unusual for a film biography.

It is a dramatization of the life of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, that beautiful tragic poet of the Mexican baroque, yet it doesn't sprawl as most biopics do. In fact, filmed by Maria Luisa Bemberg as a series of tableaux culminating in a final shot of tragic grandeur, its storyline has a tightness of construction that reminds us of the dramas of the German Romantics.

Bemberg is, foremost, a writer, so we suspected she would naturally have sought her material among literary sources. And just as we thought, we later found out the film was adapted from a novel, "The Traps of Faith," by Octavio Paz.

A film based on a novel usually possesses a certain rigor in its storytelling and strong logic in its storyline—plus well-defined characters and finely wrought dialogue—since its story, however convoluted, has been tried and tested in book form before it is translated into the screen.

Most of film adaptations of novels fail, though, because of the wide differences between the two mediums, but a few succeed. A notable recent example of this happy relationship of cinema and literature is that of Todd Field's Oscar-nominated "In the Bedroom" and Andre Dubus' short story "Killings," on which the film was based.

An attentive viewing of the film and a close reading of the short story would reveal how, in certain portions of the narrative, one improves on or is better than the other, although both are effective in their respective mediums. (It is our strong opinion that the film should have won major awards in the Oscars, particularly in performances.) It is, of course, to Field's credit that he understands and respects the differences in dynamics of the two.

Moral dilemma

The two vary in narrative construction even from the beginning. Field's film opens with lovers Frank (Nick Stahl) and Natalie (Marisa Tomei) lazing around in an idyllic New England landscape reminiscent of an Andrew Wyeth painting. Dubus' story opens with "On the August morning when Matt Fowler buried his youngest son, Frank..."

Mindful of his audience, Field chooses to tell the story chronologically. Dubus begins in the thick of events, and his nonlinear storyline expands and contracts like a wave rushing out then closing in upon itself. While Frank lives through a third of the film, he is already dead before the short story can begin.

In Field's version, there's a hint of darkness in the sunlit air, as things build up to something violent about to happen. In Dubus', darkness has already descended, the series of violence has just begun.

More concerned with subtleties, nuances of plot and characterization, Dubus conjures Frank only through brief flashbacks, sometimes through one-line vignettes. Frank's rival and killer, Richard Strout, a cad in the film (though we also understand his situation), comes off as more sympathetic in the short story, so that at times we empathize with him.

Frank's father Matt is the central character in both film and short story, but in the latter, his hesitation as he makes a moral choice whether to avenge his son or not, is more clearly delineated, more powerfully dramatized. A Catholic, Dubus here explores a moral dilemma, and the short story, more than the film, is pervaded with a heavy sense of guilt.

Brutal entrapment

However, the two women, Frank's mother Ruth (the smoldering Sissy Spacek) and Natalie, are more fully fleshed out in the film. Field has invented for them scenes that complicate their characters and enrich the narrative: the unforgettable slapping scene, conducted in silence; and Matt and Ruth's nerve-wracking confrontation scene, where unbearable tension explodes into a series of recriminations ("You're so unforgiving").

For the film's title, Field uses as metaphor the lobster trap, whose interior is called "bedroom" in Maine fishermen's lingo. This suggests an ironic sense of brutal entrapment, with all the characters caught in suffocating situations.

On the other hand, Dubus' title puts emphasis on the truism that violence begets more violence.

The film ends with Matt (Tom Wilkinson, in a wrenching performance) alone in bed just after killing Richard, staring blankly at the ceiling, while Ruth downstairs is calling him for coffee. He has just done the greater crime, because, while Richard might have committed a crime of passion (simple homicide), what Matt has done is clearly murder. He has just put himself in a stronger trap, a darker dungeon.

Having killed the killer of his son, the avenger has now also been branded with the mark of Cain. And there will be no rest for him through the days of his life.

That's why the film's ending is uncomfortable. After watching it, viewers file out of the movie house feeling upset and unsettled. Instead of being exhilarated by the resolution of revenge, we are distressed, unconsoled.

The short story ends in catharsis. Matt's remorse knows no bounds, and, in bed holding Ruth, "his cheek touching her breast, he shuddered with a sob that he kept silent in his heart."

DIRECTOR Todd Field: In an Andre Dubus story, the reader invests his own imagination.

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By Cora Llamas
Contributor

INSTEAD of stigma and shame, this war rape victim holds her head high and tries to rebuild her life. As her strength recovers, she sees her experience in a larger context and she joins the war against her oppressors.

Chayong, heroine of Dulaang UP's *zarzuela*, "Hibik at Himagsik nina Victoria Lactaw," is not a modern-day heroine fighting in the jungles of some Philippine island. The play is set in the Filipino-American war. The rapist is a Yankee soldier, and the forces that Chayong joins eventually swear loyalty to Macario Sakay, the renegade Filipino general who refuses to recognize the Americans.

However, given her independent mind, strong will and ability to go beyond social and cultural barriers, Chayong could have easily been a daughter of the 20th century.

Playwright and librettist Bienvenido Lumbera joins his voice with "those who have been protesting the silence of women in the narration of our revolutionary struggle.

"The story of Victoria Lactaw (aka Chayong) and her friends is an amplification of the voices who suffered in the Philippine-American war. [It shows] the role of women in the conduct of war," the Ramon Magsaysay laureate said. "Women revolutionaries, both under and above ground, have proven that they are forces to reckon with in the liberation of our people."

"HIBIK at Himagsik nina Victoria Lactaw" portrays the Philippine-American war in truthful fashion.

PHOTOS BY JOAN BONDOC

Heroic women

The fiery Chayong, her best friend Conching and their sisters in the struggle come from a long line of heroic Filipino women who fought with their husbands, fathers and brothers on the war front. They trace their historical lineage to Gabriela Silang, Teresa Magbanua and nameless, innumerable Katipunan women.

Lumbera's inspiration came from "Hibik Namin," a poem published in a newspaper in 1899. Under the protection of pseudonyms, nine women signed a manifesto against violence calling on all Filipinos to "heed the plight of women victims of rape by the American soldiers." Lumbera's libretto won a prize in the *zarzuela* category of the 1998 Centennial Literary Contest. It was another feather on the prominent writer's cap. His critically acclaimed works include "Tales of the Manuvu," "Ang Palabas Bukas," "Rama, Hari," "Bayani," "Noli Me Tangere, the Musical" and "Ang Sarsuwela ng San Salvador."

"Hibik" couldn't have been performed at a more fortuitous time. In an uncanny coincidence, while it raises tortuous questions about a side of American colonial history rarely explored or even discussed in our classrooms, the continued stay of American troops here after the US-Filipino Balikatan military exercises has prompted many people to raise concerns about American encroachment on Filipino sovereignty.

The timing could enhance the play's relevance to a modern audience. Lumbera and director Alex Cortez couldn't be happier. "American colonialism has to be shown for what it was. It was meant to help the American economy by helping them to get to China. Our history has always privileged the Americans as liberators of the country. The Philippine-American war was a real war where people died, but it's hardly written about."

Neglected war

Even today, Lumbera smarts a little when he remembers his student days way back before the nationalist resurgence: "In my time, two pages were devoted to the Fil-Am war. That's ridiculous. It's an important part of our history. Yet in my trips to the US, there's hardly any mention of the war between the US and the Philippines."

The war against the Americans was fought by women, too, according to a moving musical by the Ramon Magsaysay laureate

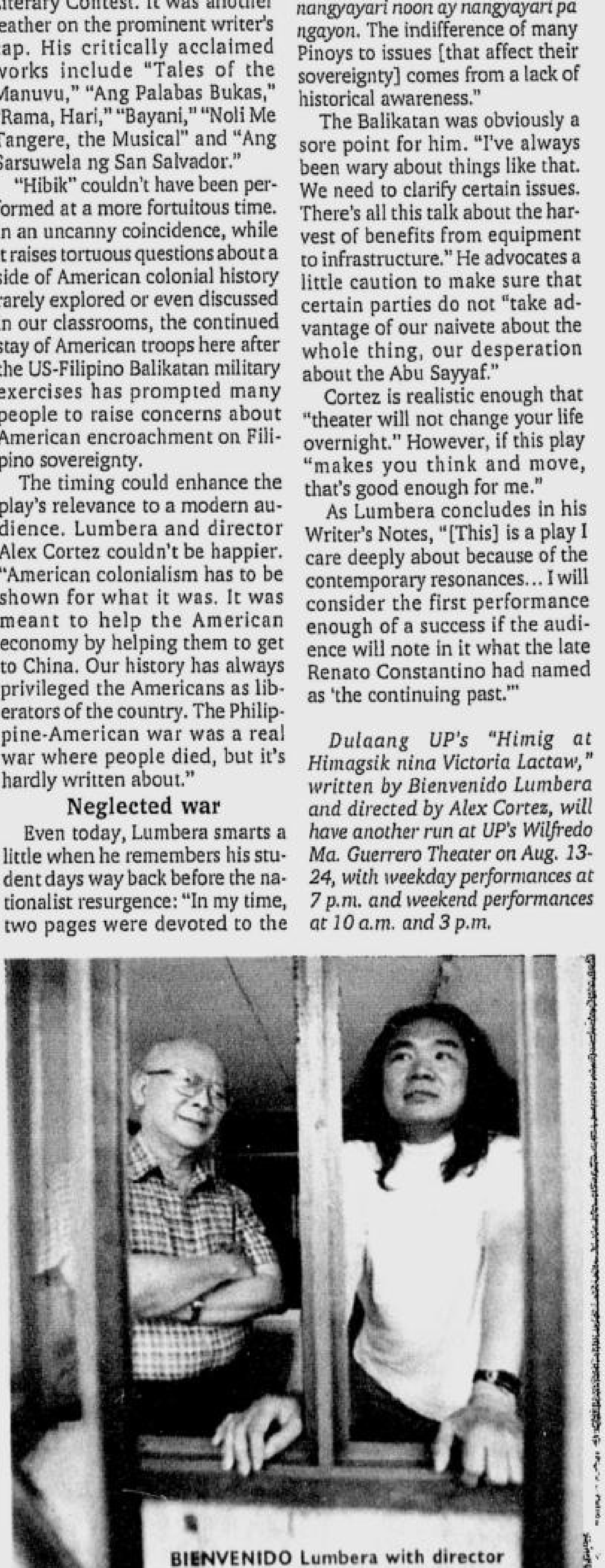
Cortez would be rectifying some of the damage caused by the historical omission on our psyche by creating subtle, recognizable links between past events and present dilemmas. "*Iyong mga nangyayari noon ay nangyayari pa ngayon*. The indifference of many Pinoys to issues [that affect their sovereignty] comes from a lack of historical awareness."

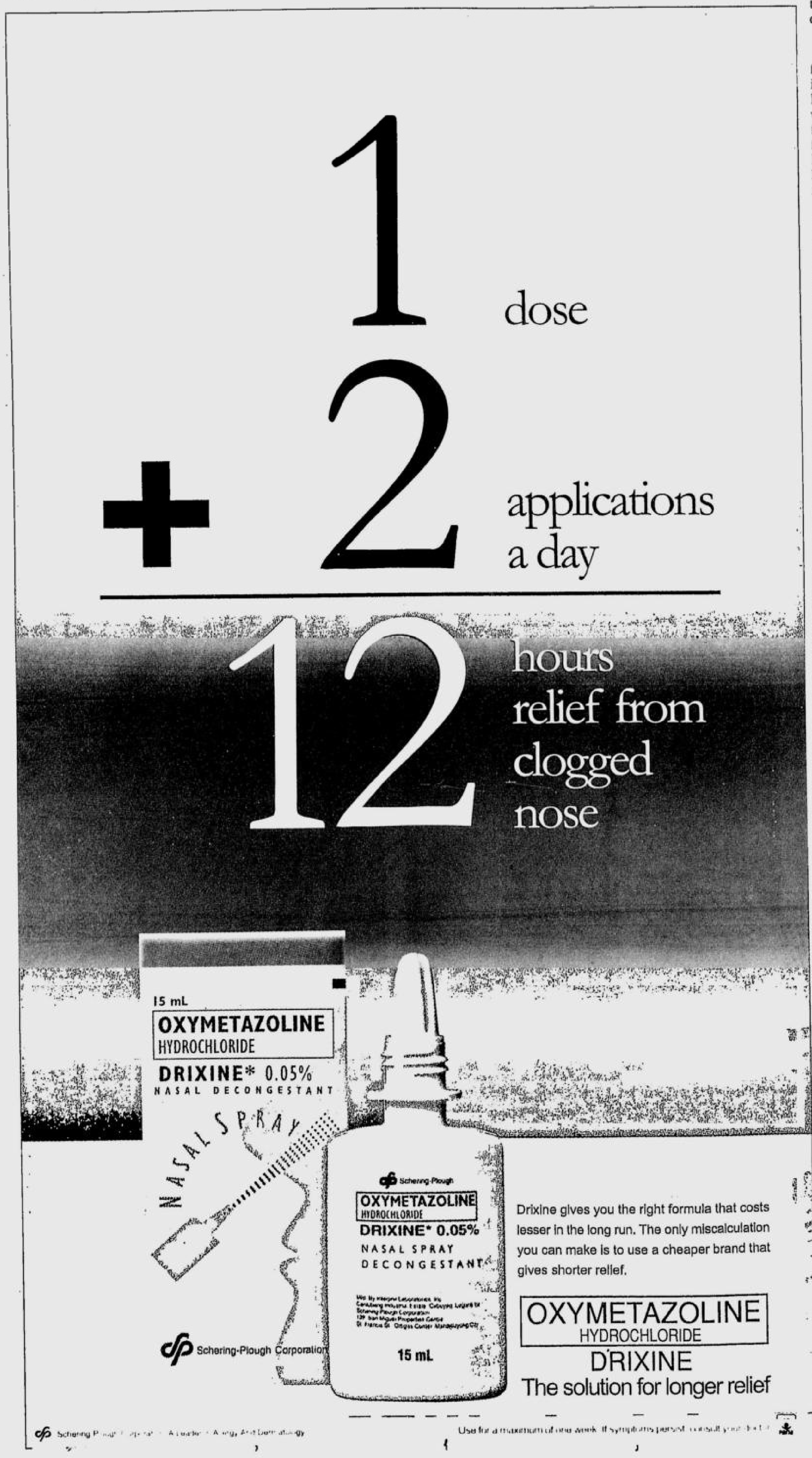
The Balikatan was obviously a sore point for him. "I've always been wary about things like that. We need to clarify certain issues. There's all this talk about the harvest of benefits from equipment to infrastructure." He advocates a little caution to make sure that certain parties do not "take advantage of our naivete about the whole thing, our desperation about the Abu Sayyaf."

Cortez is realistic enough that "theater will not change your life overnight." However, if this play "makes you think and move, that's good enough for me."

As Lumbera concludes in his Writer's Notes, "[This] is a play I care deeply about because of the contemporary resonances... I will consider the first performance enough of a success if the audience will note in it what the late Renato Constantino had named as 'the continuing past.'"

Dulaang UP's "Himig at Himagsik nina Victoria Lactaw," written by Bienvenido Lumbera and directed by Alex Cortez, will have another run at UP's Wilfredo Ma. Guerrero Theater on Aug. 13-24, with weekday performances at 7 p.m. and weekend performances at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.


BIENVENIDO Lumbera with director Alex Cortez: "The play has contemporary resonances."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Dining in artistic splendor

Artist Carlito Ortega combines the aesthetic and the gustatory in his gallery cum tavern

STEAMED prawns with Patis Tesoro's decoupage artwork

By Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Chito Vecina

PEOPLE who used to dismiss San Pablo, Laguna, as a mere place to do business and not much else are in for a big surprise. In his desire to uplift the city's art scene and provide its citizens with an alternative venue to dine and unwind, sculptor Carlito Ortega has recently opened a restaurant cum gallery named after him.

Located at the corner of Rizal Avenue and Fule Sajagon Street, Carlito's (tel. [049]-562-3440) serves a tasty assortment of Continental fare—from mixed vegetables, steaks, grilled blue marlin, smoked salmon to steamed prawns. Although the food was good, the place more than anything else caught our attention.

"Not that San Pablo is wanting in places to go to," Ortega says. "But I wanted to put some pizzazz into the food scene. I also wanted to make art accessible to more people and provide local artists a venue for their works."

The reluctant businessman hit upon the idea of building a gallery soon after tenants vacated the family's three-door apartment. He had the walls dividing the units knocked down to make way for his dream project. But the reality of making the gallery work soon caught up with him.

"I soon realized," he says, "that I needed to run a restaurant to maintain the art gallery and bring more people in." While a number of skeptics doubted the venue's longevity, others welcomed it with excitement.

Blurred

The ground floor is primarily devoted to artworks, while the second floor houses the restaurant. The third floor, with its landscaped garden and private pad, is Ortega's

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A SERIES of metal trusses with multicolored sheets of glass provides support and acts as a point of interest in the gallery. A built-in étagère features several wooden sculptures.

THE ROOT-LIKE wooden sculpture interspersed with multicolored sheets of glass reaches a corner of the restaurant. An acrylic painting of Minda Ortega, the only item not for sale, hangs by the wall.

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ROSARIO Bitanga displays her recent sculptures in steel, resin and glass at the Big and Small Art. Co. (Artwalk 4/L, Megamall). One of the country's most dominant women artists, Bitanga took up fine arts at the UST College of Fine Arts and Design, where she is a consultant, and the Cranbrook Academy. She is dean of the Institute of Fine Arts of the Philippine Women's University.

ERWIN LEANO will present "Landscapes," an exhibit of his latest works in oil, on July 18-30, at the West Gallery (3/L, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makat City). Call 752-7028 to -29.

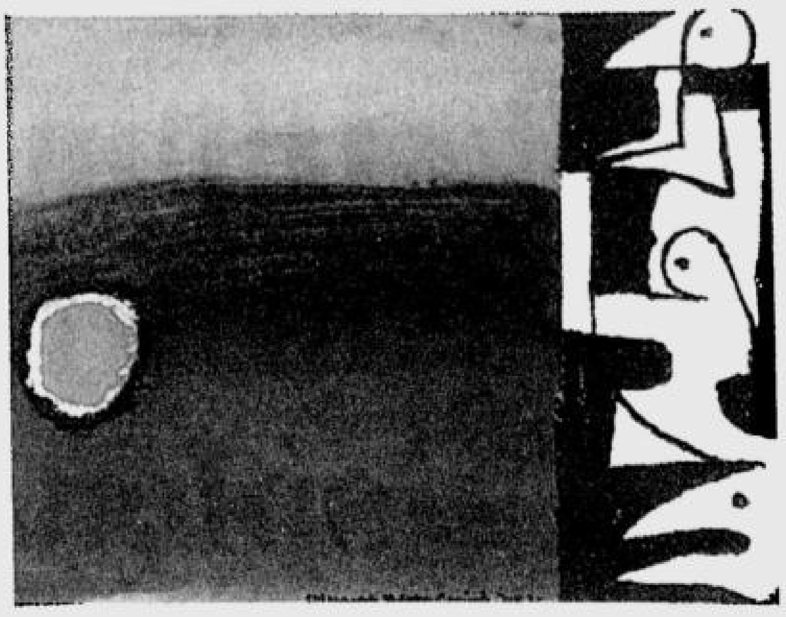
EMMANUEL Garcia holds his second one-man show, "In The Eye of the Sun," on July 25 until Aug. 10 at the Finale Art File (La O' Center, corner Makati Ave. and Pasay Road, Makati City). The paintings in acrylic conjure fragments of dreams and fantasies, and exude a boldly primitive touch. Splattered in Garcia's canvases are the Pinoy traveler's visions of Nairobi deserts, Tahitian coasts, bullfights in Madrid, and blazing skies across the Pacific. Call 813-2310.

JERSON SAMSON opens his first solo exhibit, "Tahanan," on July 20, 6 p.m. at Boston Gallery. The works show the claustrophobic panorama of a congested urban world where multiple images cram every square inch of the canvas. The exhibit will run until Aug. 9. Call 722-9205.

THE RED Dot Gallery (Sunrise Terraces Condominium, 100 Perea Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City) presents Tala Isla-Contreras and Karlota Contreras in "Mag-Ina," a back-to-back sculptural exhibit. Call 816-2877 or 634-1283.

HERZON de la Rosa will hold his 26th one-man exhibit, "MS 1:3 (Multi-Subject 1 of 3)," on July 19-28 at the Galerie Y (4/L SM Megamall). Call 634-2704.

NONA Garcia has been taking photographs of abandoned cars for the past few years, fascinated how these vehicles have become immobilized and static and become some sort of public sculptures. This fascination is reflected in her latest show, "Transmission," at Finale Art Gallery (4/L, Megamall). The exhibit runs from July 16-28.



"IN THE Eye of the Sun" by Emmanuel Garcia

THE AUSTRALIAN Embassy Manila is opening the print exhibit "Cultural Landscapes: Recent Prints from North-Central Arnhem Land," on July 16, 6:30 p.m., at the Australia Centre, Makati City. The exhibit will feature 30 prints of heterogenous and highly dynamic artworks, products of the collaboration between the Maningrida Arts and Culture artists and Northern Editions, a division of the Northern Territory University based in Darwin. Call 754-6173 or 893-0807.

PHILIPPINE High School for the Arts teacher and multi-awarded sculptor Gerardo Leonardo weaves three-dimensional art and psychological theory in "Homoaestheticus: 2nd Edition," at the Galleria Duemila (in Megamall) on July 16-30.

RAMON DIAZ's intense and lifelong affinity with marine species and the element of water will be showcased in his seventh one-man show on July 25, "Fish of Fortune," at the Genluna Gallery, Davao City. Call (082) 226-2104 or e-mail genluna@mozcom.com.

THE THIRD Drowing-Drowing exhibit opens on July 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the SM Cebu Art Center.

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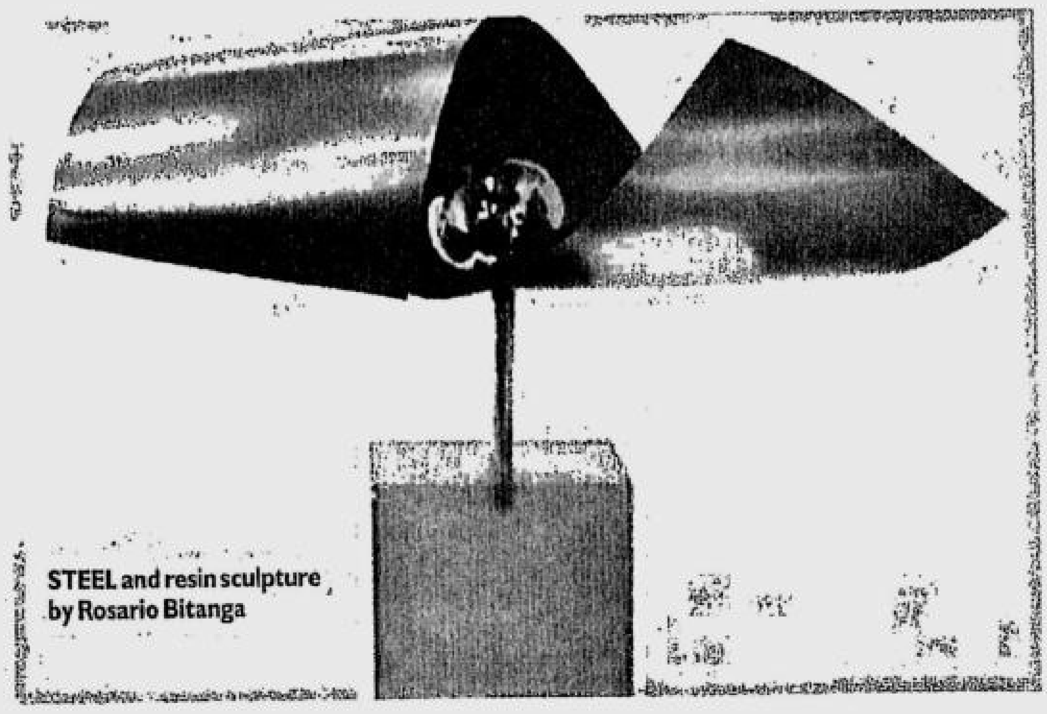
Garcia at Finale



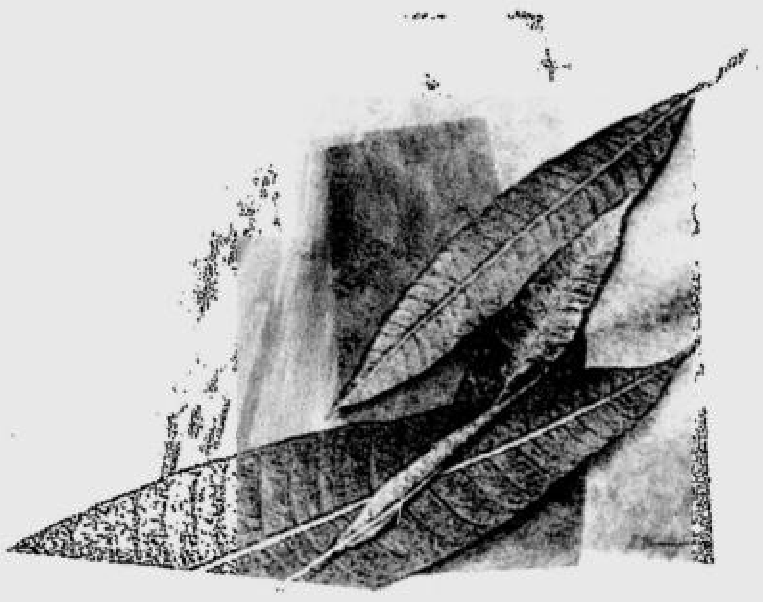
STEEL and resin sculpture by Rosario Bitanga

The exhibit will feature the works of artists from Cebu and the rest of the Visayas. Call 0917-5462672 or 0917-4701154.

THE BALAY Taliambong: The Cojuangco Museum and Art Center will open soon with an exhibit. The art center seeks to cultivate art and cultural awareness in Negros Occidental. Some of the contemporary Filipino artists represented in the center's collection include National Artist Arturo Luz, Pablo Baens-Santos, Manuel Baldemor, Norma Belleza, Juvenal Sanso, Nunelucio Alvarado, Charlie Co, Alfredo Esquillo, Jr., Leonilo Doloricon and Brenda Fajardo. Call 528-7000.

"TSINELAS: A Contemporary Revisioning of the Slippers," an exhibit featuring the works of young, contemporary artists of Cebu City, led by the resident artists of the Luna ArtSpace, is currently on view at the Luna ArtSpace. The exhibit runs until Aug. 9.

NIK Masangcay Jr. is holding "Small Beginnings" at Ilustrado Restaurant, Silahis Center Compound, sponsored by Galeria de las Islas. Call 527-2113.



FOUR women artists connected with the UST College of Fine Arts and Design invade the UP Vargas Museum. In "Kaartehan ng Apat na Babae Mula sa UST," Nady S. Nacario, Jane Arrieta-Ebarle, Lydia T. Magdaluyo and Aida T. Magdaluyo, show their paintings in oil, acrylic and watercolor, which they consider "spaces for repose and reflection." The exhibit will open tomorrow. The four women share their views on art and life on Aug. 15 at 3 p.m. Call 928-1927 or 920-5301 local 7407. Above is "Mango Leaves," acrylic on board, by Aida Magdaluyo.

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FOLK musician Joey Ayala works up the crowd.

FISH fillet with Egai Fernandez's acrylic painting

Dining in artistic splendor

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version of penthouse living. Lines, however, are often blurred since guests who wish to eat downstairs and view certain pieces are free to do so. Artworks done in various media spill over to the second and third floors.

"Almost everything in this place is for sale," says Ortega. Yes, including the sculpted chairs and tables by Rey Contreras. "The only item that's mine is a painting of my beautiful wife Minda."

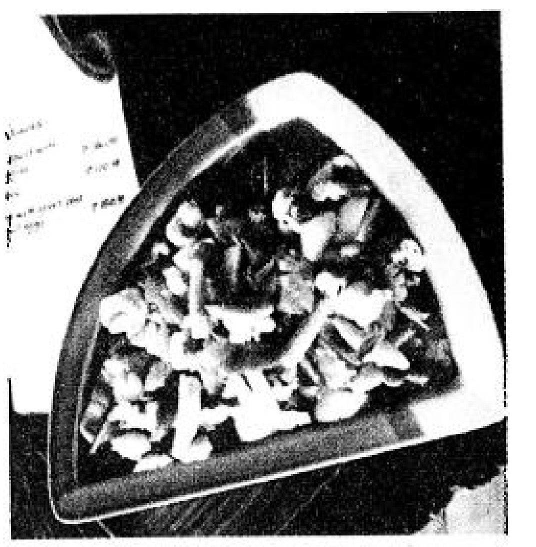
Aside from Contreras' wooden pieces, the other items on display are paintings by the late National Artist Cesar Legaspi, Pacheco, Jeff Dizon and Egai Fernandez. Several framed decoupage artworks by Patis Tesoro are also featured on one of the gallery's walls.

Ortega also has a number of works on exhibit, notably a wooden dining table with a pair of benches painstakingly fashioned like gnarled bamboo. "I made each piece from a block of *kamagong*," he shares. "Since parts of the driftwood were damaged, I had to work around them by integrating them in the design."

Focal points

Each level offers a number of Filipino-inspired focal points that are enough to induce visual overload. After the building's divisions were knocked down, for instance, Ortega had a network of steel trusses built to support the load. He didn't stop there.

"I was looking at them," he says, "and it occurred to me to spruce them up with sheets of colored glass."

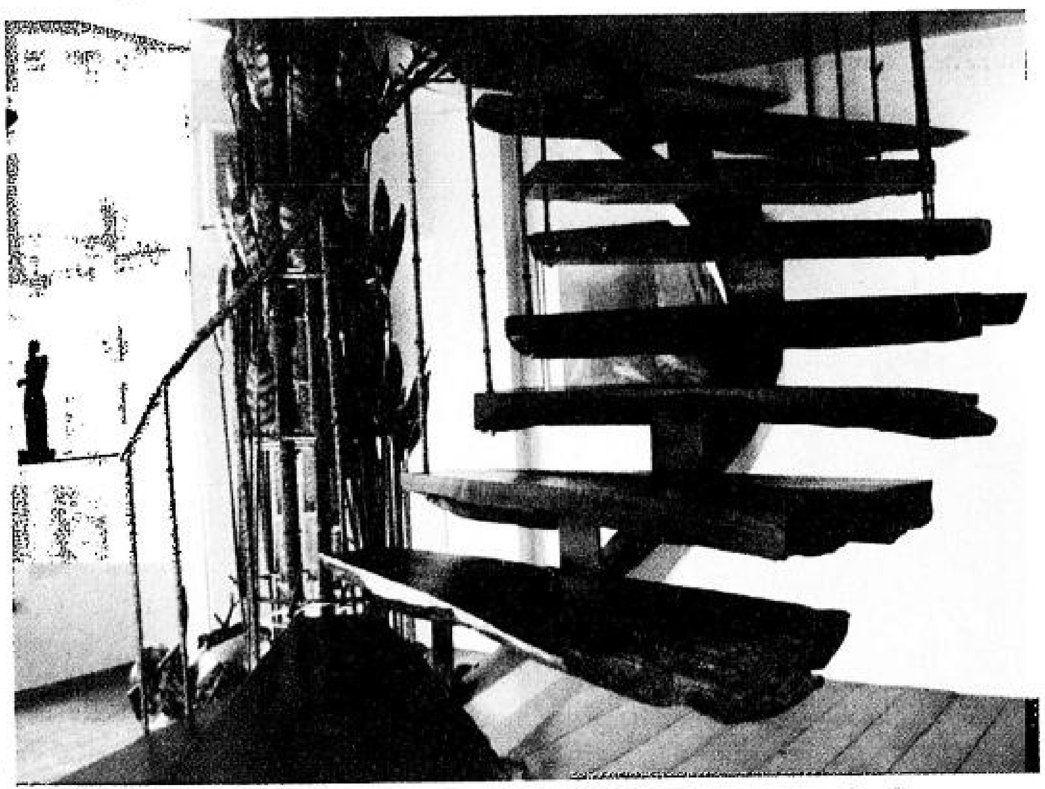


ASSORTED vegetables with mixed seafood

A tall brass sculpture by Contreras occupies the center of the spiral staircase made of *catmon* planks. Brass handrails also by Contreras guard the stairs. The same wooden planks make up the second level's flooring.

"I was able to do the things I couldn't do in our home," Ortega says with a chuckle. "My wife couldn't stop me this time."

But the piece de resistance is found on the second floor. A network of root-like sculpture that seems to cling to the ceiling never fails to draw people's attention. Again the pieces were fashioned from scraps of *kamagong*, with certain sections interspersed with colored glass that doubles as light diffusers.



THE SPIRAL staircase made of *catmon* planks features a brass sculpture by Rey Contreras in the center.

"I was in search of something different," says Ortega, "but I didn't know what to use." That was until he saw the huge roots of several narra trees while traveling in Infanta, Quezon. The surreal setup also reminds us of a canopy of trees sans their leaves.

In lieu of ordinary curtains, Ortega opted for more expensive *tinalak* panels. Ortega transformed a corner of the second floor into a secluded area for guests to have some privacy. The bar area has a semi-elevated stage where folk musician Joey Ayala performed recently.

Admittedly, it will take a while for Ortega to recoup his investment. Never mind, he insists, as long as people benefit from the experience. Art, after all, is priceless.

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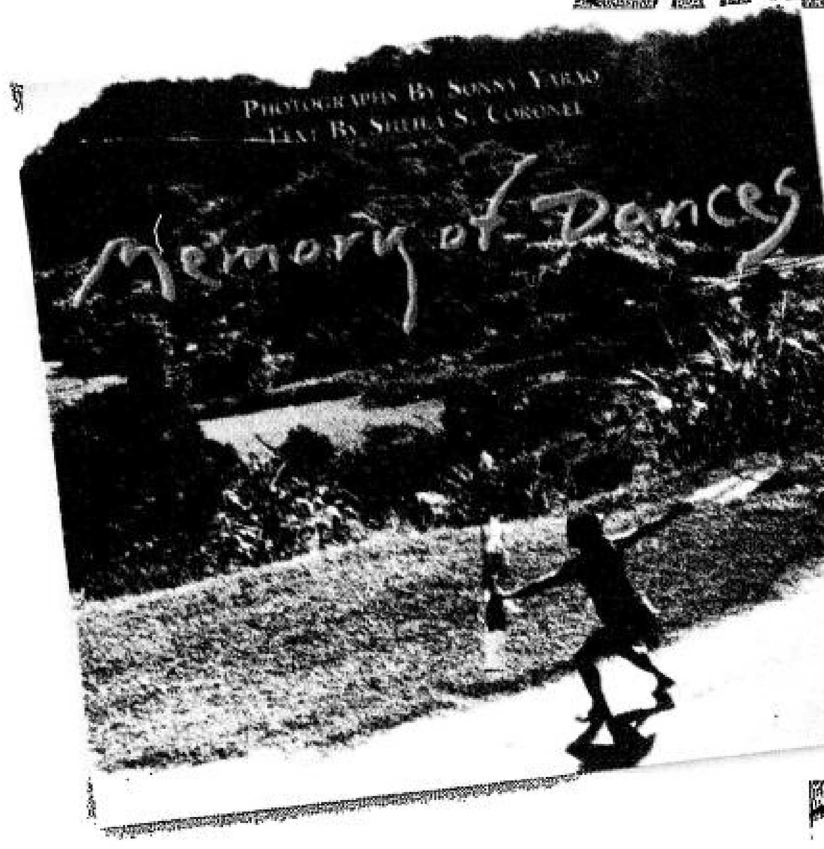

Original sin against our Pinoy forefathers

'Memory of Dances' tells the struggle of indigenous tribes to reclaim their land and heritage

By Sylvia L. Mayuga
Contributor

REVIEW

THE BOOK "Memory of Dances," written by Sheila S. Coronel and illustrated by photographer Sonny Yabao, is a valuable addition to the now groaning Filipiniana bookshelf. With a companion video documentary of the same name (the first by the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, already an Earth Vision winner in Tokyo's 10th Global Environmental Film Festival last year), "Memory" tells three tales of ethnography lit and shaded by contemporary advocacy. At stake is irreplaceable wealth: indigenous tribes vanishing as fast as our forests, unpolluted fishing waters and coral reefs.

Coronel's light-handed storytelling synthesizes years of delight in the deepening discovery of this treasure trove, dismay at its almost ritual neglect by government, instrumentalization by both the Marcos regime and the National Democratic Front (leading to tribal wars in many places) in the '70s and '80s, ending with a decisive turn in the tide of indigenous struggle for a rightful place in the sun in the '90s to the present.

It took 11 long years for a provision in the 1987 Freedom Constitution to grow teeth from the "enabling law" of the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA) in 1998. Though partial and still better honored in the breach, this legal milestone has been a perfect platform for historical review and contemplation of the Filipino majority's continuing distorted relationship to the Philippines' most ancient human and cultural treasures, launching pads for many an American, and much later, Filipino anthropological career.

The choices of extant Manobo in Brgy. Ilomavis on Mt. Apo, Tagbanua, of Coron and Bugkalot (a.k.a. Ilongot) living with displaced Ifugao and Ibaloi in a strange hybrid community in the mountain fastness of Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya, was carefully arrived at. Geography was an element, but more telling was the selection of representative natural habitats—two mountain aeries and one stupendous tropical island—more intimate to tribal cultures and destiny than political boundaries.

Common themes

Tribal dispossession, dislocation and shame are common themes but Coronel says a decision was made early on to look beyond crimes against humanity, underpinning present tribal existence, toward varied forms of a fresh new will to assert itself with emergent inner resources now supported by law.

Sensibility is all in the retelling an oft-told tale. Coronel begins the book's introductory essay with a rare lyrical image: a Bugkalot dance of celebration to launch a story of loss—of land, of language, of self. Each turn of the tale is marked by a scholarly quotation to brood upon. The first, from the American ecologist and philosopher David Abrams, sums up the consequences of the first loss: "The local earth is, for them, the very matrix of discursive meaning; to force them from their native ecology (for whatever political or economic purpose) is to render them speechless—or to render their speech meaningless—to dislodge them from the very ground of coherence.

"Once displaced from their land, therefore, tribal societies begin to fall apart. In time, the language, the lifeways and the knowledge that sustained these communities through the ages are lost. What is the measure of such loss? Perhaps we will never really know, especially for tribal communities that are gone forever. But we are just beginning, belatedly, to find out," Coronel continues, naming the consequence of vanishing tribal knowledge on "species, medicinal plants, topography and climate" in the permanent loss of their possible usefulness to "current problems and maladies."

Original sin in our islands was therefore not eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, as the White Man had it, but colonialism's franchise on that tree in societies they conquered and "civilized." Loss of racial memory and consequent erosion of spiritual strength was how written Philippine history was first seeded. This is summed up by Jose Rizal in "Las Filipinas Dentro de Cien Años": "They gave up their traditions, the mementos of their past; they gave up their writing, their songs, their laws. Then they declined, degrading themselves in their own eyes; they became ashamed of what was their own; they began to admire and praise whatever was foreign and incomprehensible; their spirit was dismayed and they surrendered."

Perpetuated sin

Original sin perpetuated by succeeding generations of Filipinos composing the conquered majority in arrogant ignorance of their original, intrinsic relationship with tribal minorities, whose ancestors had fled to the heights rather than be conquered, defines the deepest unhealed wound in a divided national psyche.

Even nationalist leaders working for independence from Spain and resisting succeeding colonization by America bore the seal of this fateful division on their foreheads. We are no longer savages but the equal of the European and American elite, summed up the premise of a struggle for sovereignty that consistently excluded

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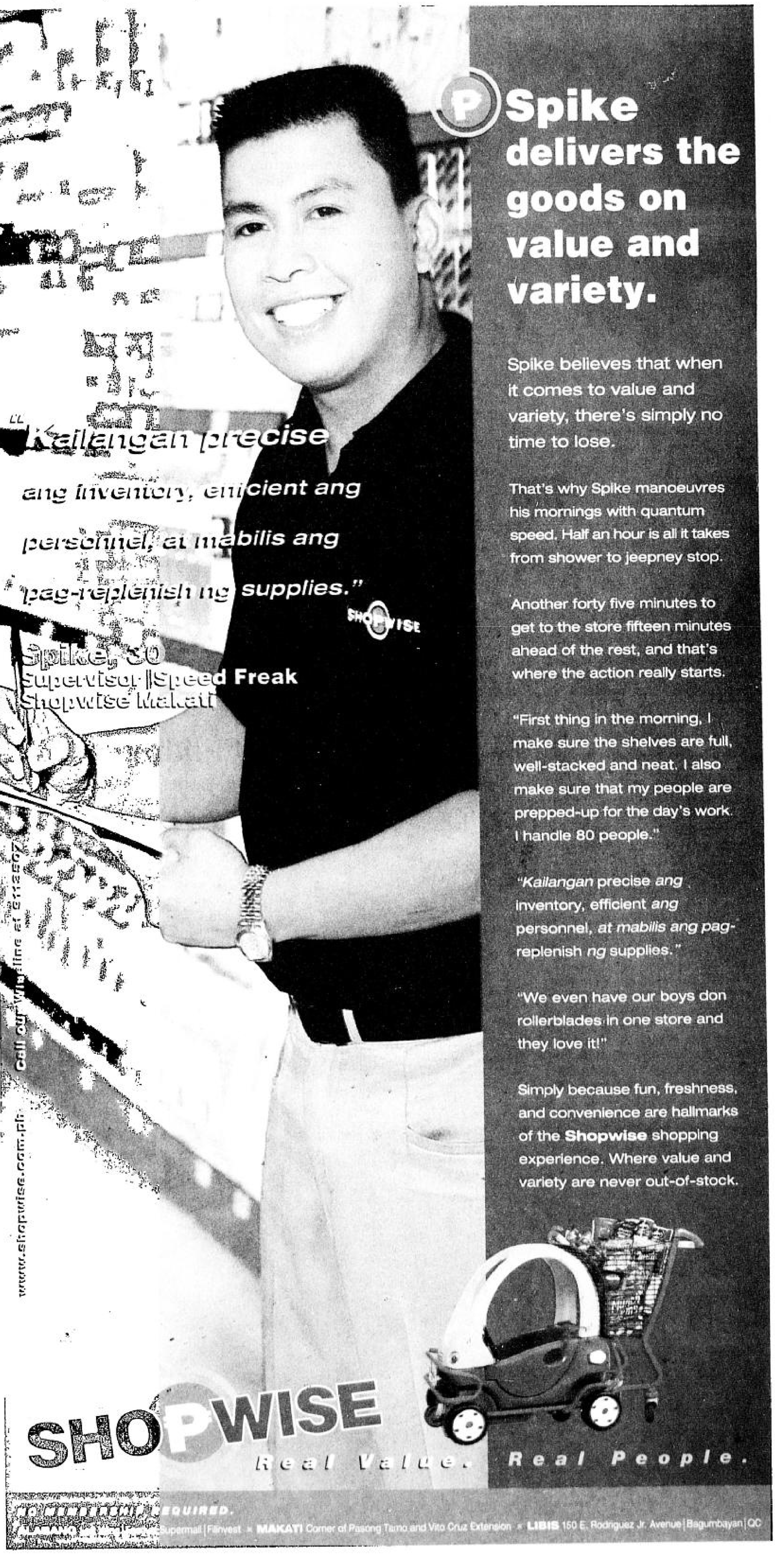
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MARIXI Prieto, Sally Marshall and Marie Ricciardone

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An American greeting to the Pinoy VP

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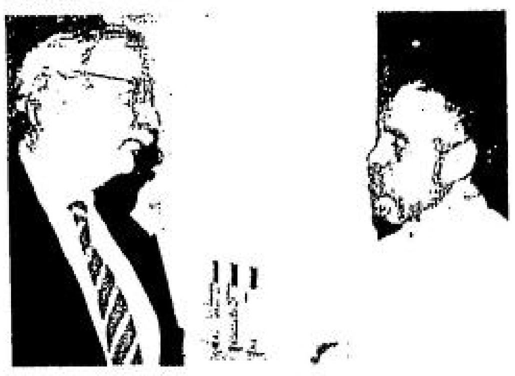
LUCILA Priedo, administrative attache of the Mexican Embassy and Mexican Ambassador Enrique Hubbard



CANADIAN Ambassador Robert Collete and Ambassador Juan Mateos, director general for Asia and the Pacific Affairs of Mexico

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

IT WAS a two-hour drive from Makati to the US Embassy on Roxas Blvd. on July 4 for the Independence Day celebration, what with a typhoon and political rallies happening. Despite the hindrances, the chancery was jam-packed, leaking roof and all. Peruvian Ambassador Jorge Chavez Soto **estimated that a thousand people toasted the good fortunes of the US.**

On the podium were US Ambassador **Francis Ricciardone**, Papal Nuncio **Antonio Franco** and [then] Foreign Secretary **Teofisto Guingona**. Guingona gave a rousing speech detailing Filipino-American relations from the war at the turn of the century, until the Americans granted Philippine independence "with strings attached" (something called "parity" in case you're wondering). He then explained his role in the rejection of the bases' lease extension in '92 and his critical stance on the Balikatan exercises. He pointed out, however, that he is not anti-American but pro-Filipino. Ambassador Ricciardone wished him a happy birthday, requested the crowd to sing the greetings while a cake was rolled out to congratulate the Vice President for being a patriot.

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AFFABLE Mexican Ambassador **Enrique Hubbard** and his charming wife **Mariana** tendered a reception for the visiting Mexican director for Asia and the Pacific Affairs, Ambassador **Juan Antonio Mateos**, on July 5. Guests included Canadian Ambassador **Robert Collete**, Israeli Ambassador **Irit Ben Abba**, Russian Ambassador **Anatoli Khmelnitzki**, newly elected chairman and president of the Heritage Conservation Society **Gemma Cruz-Araneta**, **Leon Araneta**, Ambassador **Raul Goco**, and romantic lovebirds **Maritina Romulo** and **Abel Nolasco**. There was a superb buffet from the InterCon, but the showstopper was Señora Mariana's concoction of spicy orange juice with other secret ingredients as a chaser for the absolutely delicious tequila. You're supposed to take one gulp of tequila then a gulp of the chaser. Wonderful and no hangover, either.

LAURIE Lafgren and Sandy Romualdez

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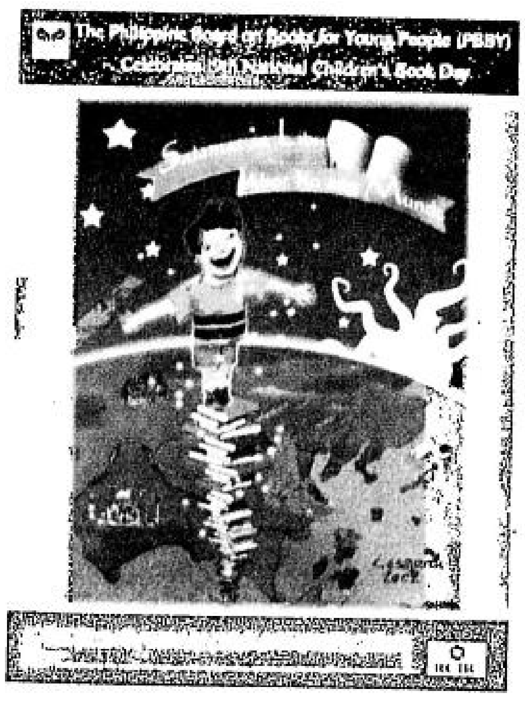
MARY Marshall and **Laurie Lafgren** of Northwest Airlines brought together some of Manila's women power brokers for lunch at the Magsaysay Room of the Manila Peninsula in honor of Dr. **Marie Ricciardone**, wife of the American ambassador, last June 20. Among the guests were Dr. **Lynn Butler**, everyone's favorite pediatrician; **Isabel Caro-Wilson** and **Isabel Garcia Ongpin**; **Leslie Murray**; **Carlyn Manning**; Citibank officer **Cathy Weir**; INQUIRER chair **Marixi Prieto** and president **Sandy Romualdez** (who just had her second baby—another boy! Congratulations!); **Bonnie Sycip**; **Letty Laurel**; and Asia Society's **Doris Ho**. **Isabel Wilson** and **Carlyn Manning** were off to outer Mongolia in a couple of weeks with other adventurous souls, including **Jessie Huberty** who was coming in from Connecticut and meeting them in Shanghai. They should be ready to tell us when they return what sleeping in a tent beside a desert is all about.

JAYA is presented with a plaque of appreciation by Ambassador Ricciardone after she sang acapella the US and Philippine national anthems. At right is Chris McCahon, US Embassy consular officer.

ISRAELI Ambassador Irit Ben Abba

"SALAMAT sa Libro, Abot Ko Ang Mundo (Thanks to Books, the World is within My Reach)" is the theme of the 19th National Children's Book Day celebration at the Museo Pambata tomorrow. On exhibit are the original illustrations of Nick Joaquin's 10-book series, "Pop Stories for Groovy Kids," published in 1979 for the International Year of the Child; books from the 2000 Honor List of the International Board on Books for Young People; and finalists in the 2002 Philippine Board on Books for Young People poster contest. There will also be a film festival on July 16-19 at the CCP and a lecture-workshop on Thai and Japanese children's books with Porn-Anong Niyomka on July 17 at the Museo Pambata. Call the Museo Pambata at 523-1797 to -98 or the PBBY Secretariat at 372-3548 to 49.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Children's favorite is author of the month

POWERBOOKS author of the month for July is Beverly Cleary, one of the most well-known children's writers in America. She has written over 20 works, ranging from picture books to teen novels, that have been awarded various prizes and are available all over the world. Recipient of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for her contribution in the literature for children genre, Cleary makes her characters normal and average so that readers can easily identify with the situations that the characters are going through in their stories. With memorable characters such as Henry Huggins, Beezus and Ramona Qulmbly, Beverly Cleary's humorous and insightful works have endeared themselves to whole generations of children for over 50 years.

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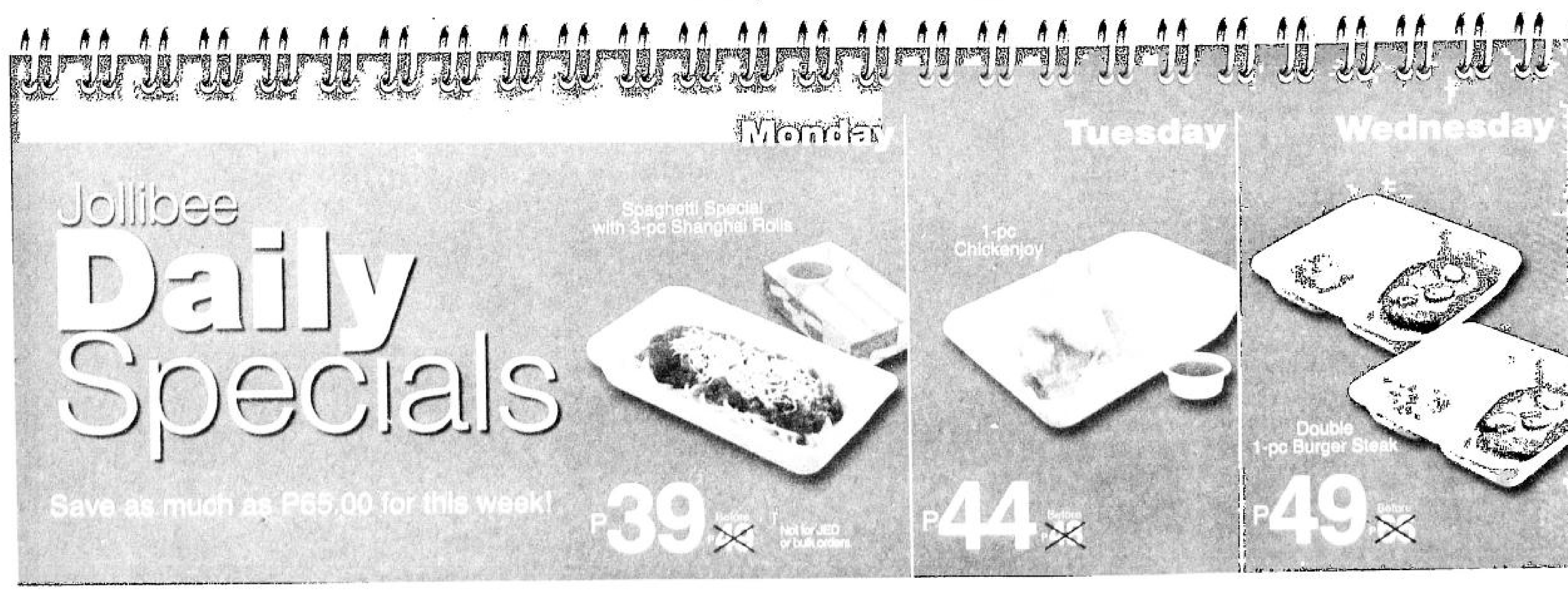

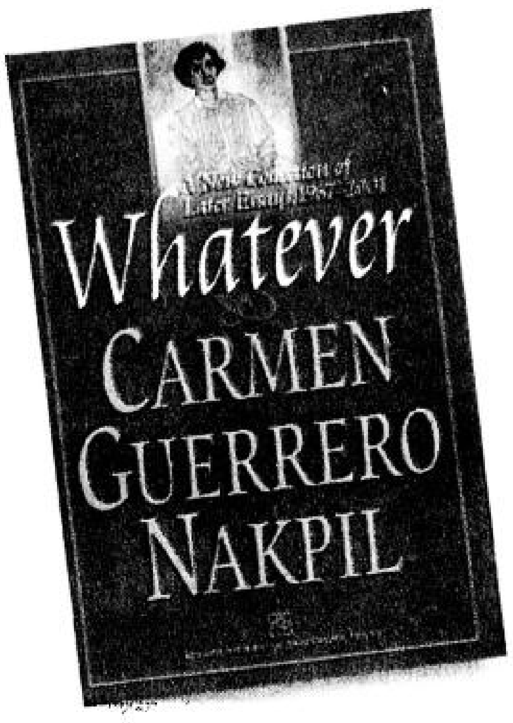
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"Whatever," perfect read for rainy weather (or whenever!) will be launched by the Ateneo Press on July 16, 4 p.m., at the Veritas Room, 4/F Ateneo de Manila Professional Schools, Rockwell Center, Makati. Call the Ateneo Press, tel. 426-5984, fax 426-5909, or e-mail undress@admu.edu.ph.

"Whatever" will also be available at the Academic Book Fair at the UP Bahay ng Alumni from July 15-19 and soon in bookstores nationwide.

'Lola Basyang'

IN CELEBRATION of National Children's Week, Powerbooks' book of the month for July is "The Best of Lola Basyang," winner of Gintong Aklat Award for Children's Literature and the the National Book Award for Best Anthology. Severino Reyes, editor and founder of Liwayway, wrote the first "Kwento ni Lola Basyang" in 1925, and since then, over 400 tales have been told by Lola Basyang. In this book, poet and literary critic Bienvenido Lumbera chose 12 extraordinary stories for parents to pass on to their children. Gilda Cordero-Fernando translated it to English, and Albert Gamos did the illustrations.

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"wild, heathen, uncivilized"—and unconquered—tribal kin. On this premise, government policy would be crafted for an entire century until the IPRA of 1998.

The consequences pervade our archipelago. "In all the places we went to," writes Coronel, "tribal peoples were struggling against the oppressive weight of centuries-old prejudices." Meanwhile in the power center, from Aquino to Macapagal-Arroyo, Freedom Constitution or not, IPRA or not, a traditional definition of economic goals has not hesitated to give away ancestral tribal land to mining, infrastructure, geothermal development and most recently, tourism *a la* Gordon.

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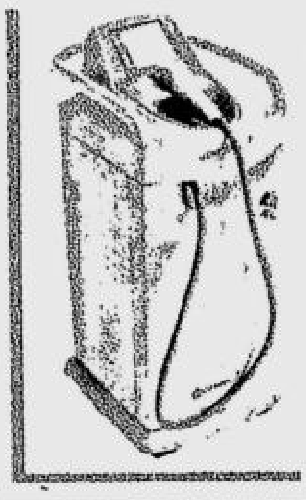

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Jeanette Jimenez-Pumaren

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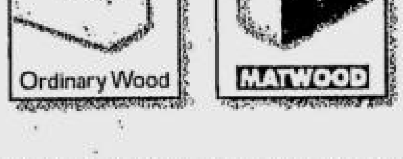

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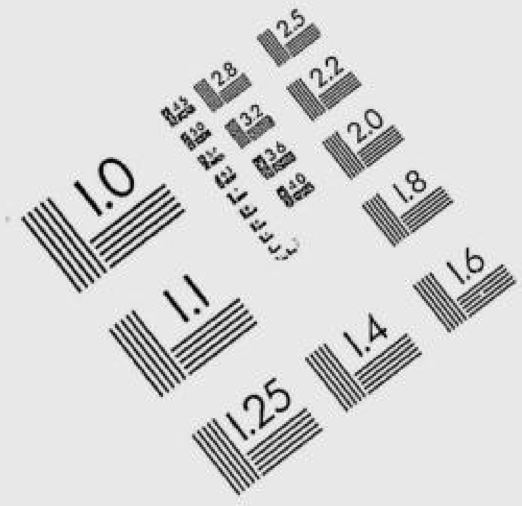
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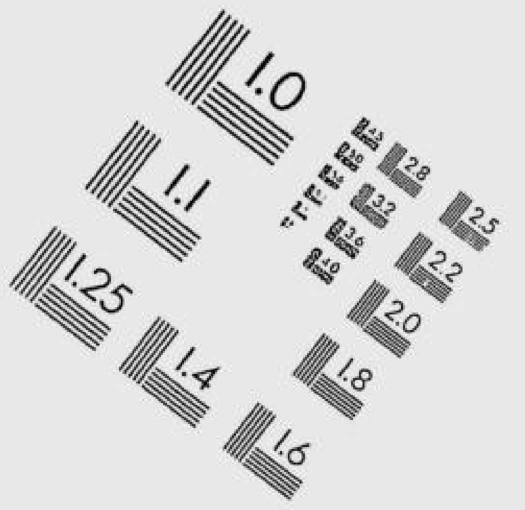
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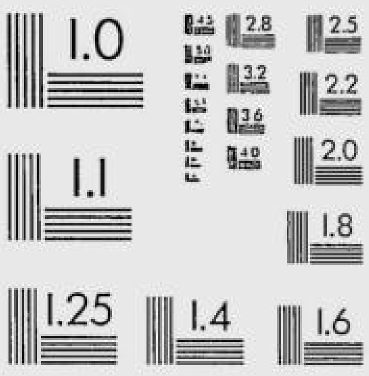
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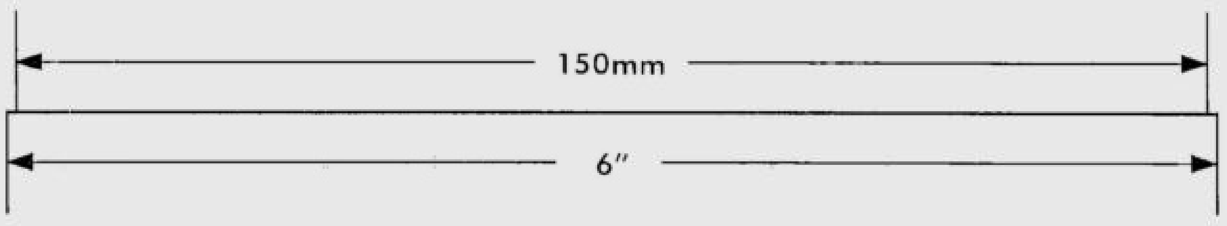

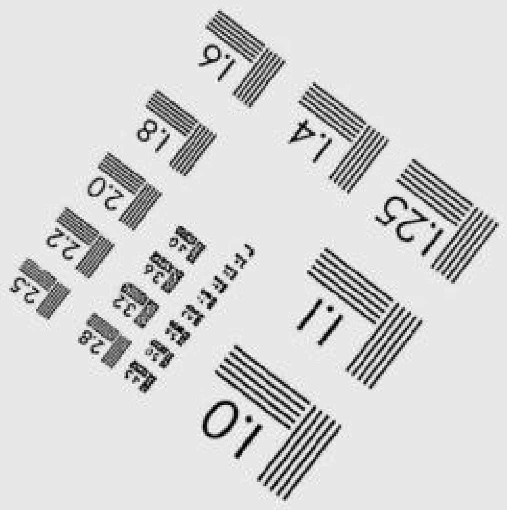
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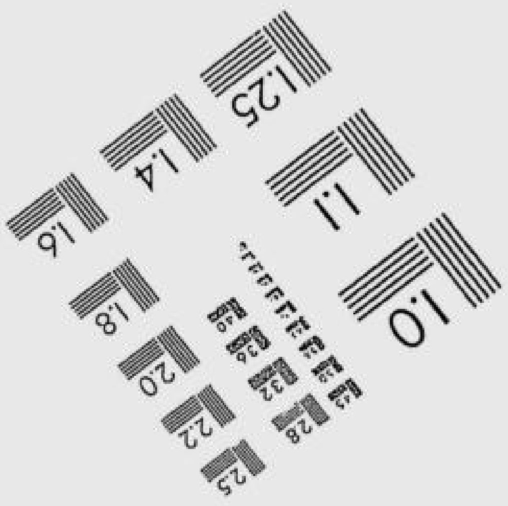
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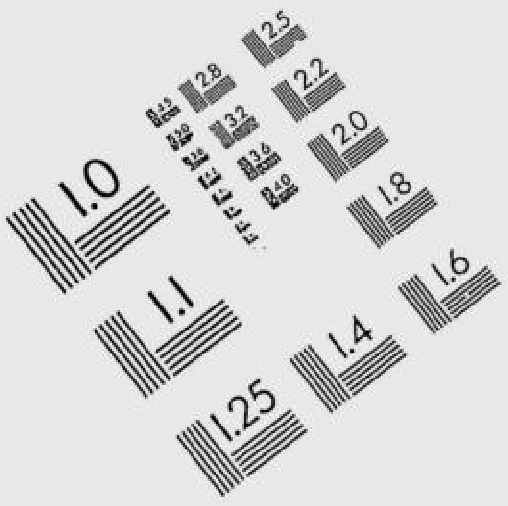
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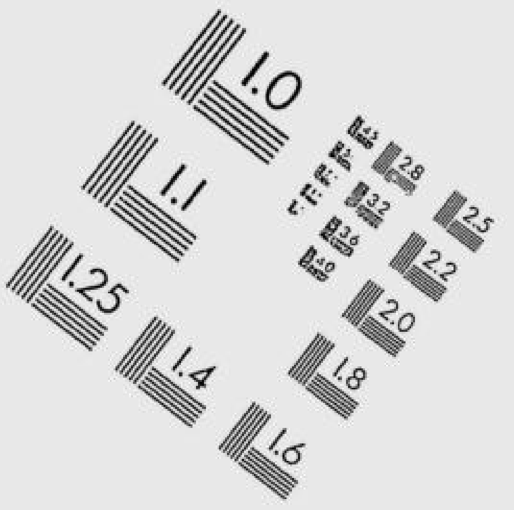
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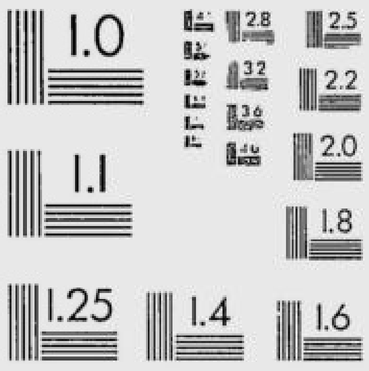
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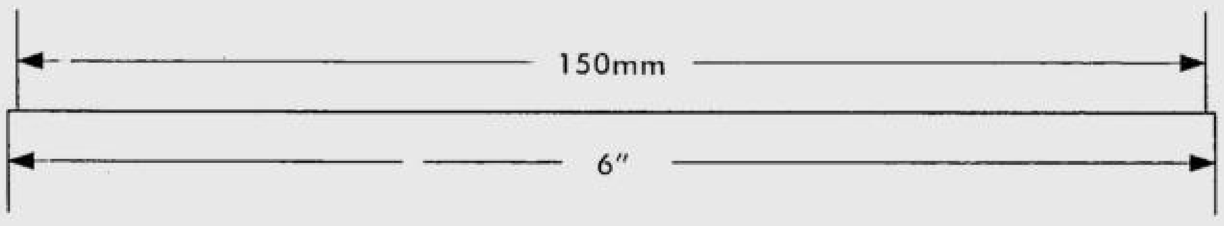

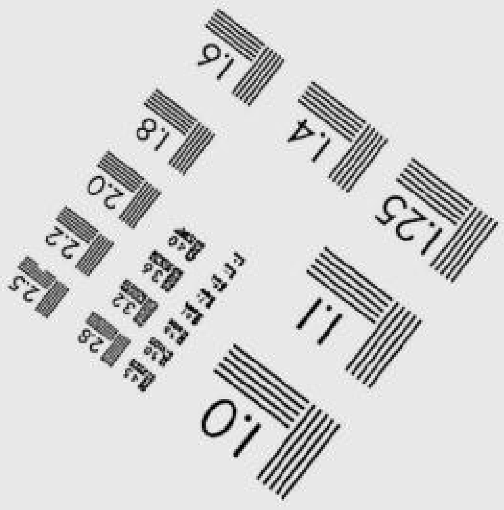
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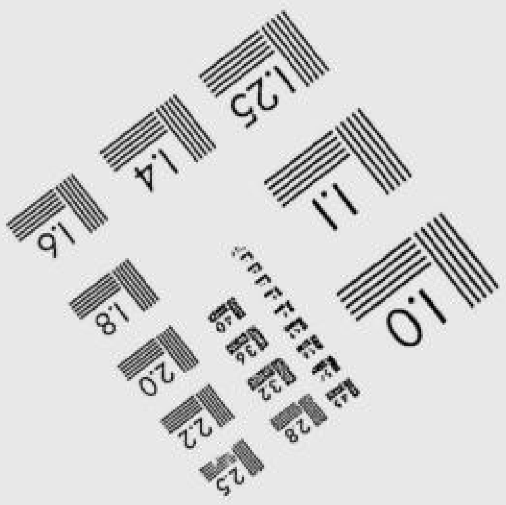
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